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Local government may see big changes

Consolidation of cities, counties debated at conference

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BY JANET L. METZNER
The Dominion Post

North-central West Virginia's strong economy makes it ripe to begin expanding city government territory and combining county governments, state Sen. Brooks McCabe told about 200 city officials from throughout the state gathered in Morgantown this week for the West Virginia

Municipal League conference. "What would your market look like if Morgantown, Westover and Star City merged — and Monongalia, Marion and Harrison merge into a single county?" McCabe told *The Dominion Post* Saturday. "You would have a 'super-county' and three cities in the counties with 50,000 or more population. That would be a powerhouse." Boasting higher populations, cities and counties could garner

more federal funds and save money by streamlining government efforts, he said. The resulting benefits could help the entire state which, overall, continues to lose population and economic ground, McCabe said. This summer, McCabe and other legislators have traveled throughout the state trying to gather city and county officials' support for the plan, called "Governing in the 21st Century,"

proposed by Gov. Bob Wise. They've given public presentations to organizations such as the West Virginia Bankers Association, and have met privately with elected officials, looking for officials commit to the change for their area. Although smaller, rural counties also could benefit from merging, McCabe has focused his efforts on urging "growth"

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Morgantown's Ron Justice named Mayor of the Year

BY JANET L. METZNER
The Dominion Post

Morgantown Mayor Ron Justice has been named Mayor of the Year by the West Virginia Municipal League. Justice, in his third term as mayor, has been involved in city council for 14 years. He is assistant dean of students at WVU. "It's a very nice honor. There are a lot of deserving people in the state," Justice said Saturday. "I'm very proud to work with council and the city man-

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Moving in



Jonah Myers/The Dominion Post

With help from his girlfriend Marissa Gulas (above left) and mother Carol (right), John Yamber III unpacks his belongings while moving into his room in Brooke Tower. Yamber is enrolled in the WVU Adventure class, which gives students the chance to enjoy outdoor activities and avoid the crowds of new students moving in at the end of this week. Main Street Morgantown, downtown businesses and WVU have sponsored banners (below) to welcome new students, alumni and parents of WVU students to Morgantown.

Students begin slow shuffle back to school

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BY GARY GRAY
The Dominion Post

It's that time again in WVU-land. And for students, that means mastering the basics of the annual fall shuffle: enrolling on time and finding a place to roost. Fall enrollment last year was the highest in the history of the institution, at 24,260, and university officials say the school is on pace to top that mark.

Students planning to attend WVU should have registered by now, said Brenda Thompson, WVU assistant vice president of enrollment management. "I can tell you that the early indication is that we will have another overall enrollment record this fall," Thompson said. "Last year we also set a record for incoming freshmen, but I don't think we'll see a record this time around. Still, we expect to see a number close to the 4,400 that registered last year." WVU will hold student ori-

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180 refugees slaughtered in U.N. camp

Burundian rebel faction claims responsibility for brutal mass killings

Associated Press

BUJUMBURA, Burundi — Dozens of attackers raided a U.N. refugee camp in western Burundi, shooting and hacking to death at least 180 people, witnesses and local officials said Saturday. A Burundian Hutu rebel faction claimed responsibility for the attack late Friday near the Congolese border, saying its fighters were in pursuit of Burundian soldiers who fled to the camp from a nearby army position. The assailants screamed war cries as

they rushed into the camp and set it ablaze, local official Louis Niyonzima told The Associated Press. The camp sheltered Congolese ethnic Tutsi refugees, known as the Banyamulenge, who fled fighting in Congo's troubled border province of South Kivu, Niyonzima said. "What we have seen so far are many, many, many bodies of children, women and men," Eliana Nabaa, spokeswoman of the U.N. mission in Congo said. "People were

sleeping when the attack happened. People were killed as they tried to escape." "The scene is absolutely horrific. There are many people burnt," Nabaa said by telephone from Bukavu, capital of South Kivu. She said the attackers were well armed and organized. Isabelle Abric, spokeswoman for the U.N. mission in Burundi, said 159 people were killed on the spot and 101 others were wounded in the attack on the camp in Gatumba, 12 miles from the Congolese border. At least 30 of the wounded died later in hospital, she said.

Charley pounds coast

Storm hits Carolinas; 15 confirmed dead

Associated Press

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — Rescuers rummaged through a chaotic landscape of pulverized homes and twisted metal Saturday, racing to tally Hurricane Charley's "significant loss of life" and help thousands left homeless by its vicious winds and rain. At least 15 people were confirmed dead. As a weakened Charley churned into the Carolinas and was downgraded to a tropical storm, newly sunny skies revealed its destruction in Florida, where emergency officials pronounced it the worst to wallop the state since Hurricane Andrew tore through in 1992. Twenty-six deaths were directly linked to Andrew, which caused \$19.9 billion in damage. "Our worst fears have come true," said Gov. Jeb Bush, who surveyed the devastation by helicopter. The Category 4 storm was expected to cost Florida "at least several billion dollars," said Loretta Worters, spokeswoman for the Insurance Information Institute. Ten deaths had been confirmed in Charlotte County, said Wayne Sallade, the county's director of emergency management, but no exact

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Rolling Stones drummer being treated for cancer

Associated Press

LONDON — Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts is being treated for throat cancer, a spokesman for the band said Saturday. Watts, 63, was diagnosed in June and has completed four weeks of a six-week course of radiotherapy at London's Royal Marsden Hospital. "He is expecting to make a full recovery and start work with the rest of the band later in the year," the spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity. He said Watt's treatment had not interfered with any tour or recording plans for the Stones, who have been "relaxing between work commitments" following a world tour last year. Known as the most laid-back member of the band he joined more than 40 years ago, Watts has also performed with a variety of jazz ensembles.



Charlie Watts

Pakistani to be held without bond



Man defied order to leave the U.S. in 1998, caught videotaping Charlotte skyscrapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kamran Akhtar was ordered held without bond Friday during a 30-minute hearing in which lawyers mentioned neither terrorism nor videotapes.

Akhtar has been in custody since a Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer spotted him videotaping uptown business towers July 20.

Defense attorney George Miller of Charlotte said it's too early to say whether an indictment or probable cause hearing would unearth allegations of ties to terrorism or other crimes.

"Right now, he faces two charges," Miller said. "None of that involves terrorism."

Miller asked Friday to defer his decision whether to request a probable cause hearing. He has until Aug. 20 to schedule it. During such hearings, a judge decides whether there's enough evidence to support the charges.

Without a hearing, prosecutors would take the evidence to a federal

grand jury, generally behind closed doors. But the evidence could be released days later in an indictment.

Federal authorities have charged the Pakistan native with violating federal immigration law by failing to leave the United States in 1998 after a New York court determined he was in the country illegally. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison. He's also charged with lying to authorities, punishable by up to five years.

After Akhtar was detained last month, authorities say, they found a videotape in the camera showing the 60-story Bank of America tower and the former Wachovia Center, which houses the Charlotte offices of the FBI. They said other tapes in his possession showed landmarks in Atlanta; Austin, Texas; Houston; Dallas; and New Orleans.

The man's brother, Irfan Akhtar, told the Charlotte Observer Kamran Akhtar made the tapes as a hobby — simply recording his travels.

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Kamran Akhtar leaves the Federal Courthouse following a hearing in Charlotte, N.C., Friday morning.

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Truce talks in Najaf collapse, fighting expected to resume

Government will not meet demands of militants loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Truce talks between Shiite militants and Iraqi officials broke down Saturday, raising the prospect of a return to the fierce fighting between militiamen and U.S.-Iraqi forces that has shaken the holy city of Najaf for more than a week. The government's chief negotiator, Mouwaffaq al-Rubaie, said talks were making no progress and that he was leaving Najaf. Aides to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr blamed the United States and the Iraqi government on the breakdown.

The negotiations had raised hopes for a resolution to the uprising by al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia, which has posed deep security and political problems for Iraq's fledgling interim government. After nine days of heavy fighting, Najaf has been quiet since Friday, when U.S. forces halted a major offensive against the militiamen to give talks a chance. "I feel deep sorrow and regret to announce the failure of the efforts we have exerted to end the crisis in Iraq peacefully," said al-Rubaie, who serves in the

government has national security adviser. "Our goal was to spare blood, preserve security and for the militias to put down their weapons," he said, without giving specifics on what led to the breakdown. Al-Sadr had demanded a U.S. withdrawal from Najaf, the freeing of all Mahdi Army fighters in detention and amnesty for all the fighters, in exchange for disarming his followers and pulling them out of the revered Imam Ali shrine and Najaf's old city,

where they have taken refuge, aides said. However, al-Sadr himself did not participate in the talks and al-Rubaie said he felt some "elements" were hindering his efforts to hold a face-to-face meeting with the firebrand cleric. Al-Rubaie said he had proposed that al-Sadr's militia be disbanded and become a political movement. "We have been talking and discussing these matters for three days but reached no positive conclusion," he said. "After three

days, my government thought there was no use in continuing." Al-Sadr aide Sheik Ali Smeisim said both sides had agreed on all points, but interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi suddenly told the government officials to break off talks and return to Baghdad. "It is a conspiracy to commit a big massacre," he told the pan-Arab Al-Jazeera television station. Ahmed al-Shaibany, another al-Sadr spokesman, blamed the talks' failure on the Americans, who also were not participating.



An American soldier patrols the streets during a cease fire with the Mahdi army in the holy city of Najaf, southern Iraq Saturday.

AP Photo

Factional violence flares in western Afghanistan

Fighting among local warlords kills at least 20

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Fighters loyal to rival warlords clashed in western Afghanistan Saturday, sending tanks into the streets of a regional capital in the latest jolt to the country's shaky security ahead of national elections. More than 20 fighters were killed by one estimate.

The U.S. military expressed concern about the violence but showed no sign of intervening. So far, U.S.-trained troops in Afghanistan's national army were also staying out of the fight — a sign of the central government's weakness in the face of local warlords.

The clashes pitched forces loyal to Herat Gov. Ismail Khan, one of the country's most powerful warlords, against rivals in the north, east and south of the province.

In the fiercest clash, a commander from Shindand, about 370 miles west of the capital, Kabul, said his men seized a Soviet-built air base in an overnight attack.

"By 4 a.m. we had captured the whole of the district, including the airport and the division," Amanullah, an ethnic Pashtun commander who goes by one name, told The Associated Press.

Afghan forces have few aircraft, but the base is home to a militia division believed loyal to Khan, a Tajik.

Amanullah said his fighters, armed with machine-guns and rockets, had killed 14 of Khan's men and captured another 20. Seven of his own men also died, he said.

One of Amanullah's commanders,

Abdul Karim, said three more of his fighters were wounded, and a director of the hospital in Herat said three patients had been admitted from Shindand with minor injuries — two civilians and a soldier.

An Associated Press Television News reporter in Herat saw tanks heading south toward Shindand. Knots of militiamen stood guard at major junctions in the city.

Abdul Wahed Tawakali, a spokesman for Khan, said there was "hand-to-hand fighting" near the base, but denied it had fallen. He had no information on casualties.

The battles are the latest in a string of factional clashes across the north and west of the country and present a fresh security headache for U.S.-backed President Hamid Karzai and the American military ahead of Oct. 9 presidential elections.

Forces of other dissident commanders fought Khan's troops near Karukh to the north of Herat city and in Chishti Sharif, a valley in the Hindu Kush mountains, said Naseer Ahmad Halawi, Herat's intelligence chief.

Both sides said the attacks were coordinated.

Karzai condemned the violence as "an attack on the state" and vowed to take "serious measures" against the rebel commanders, according to a statement released by his office.

Still, the Defense Ministry said militia units in Herat — nominally loyal to Kabul but with close links to Khan — would be left to tackle the situation.

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Pope appears weak as he visits shrine in France

Aging pontiff visits Lourdes, known for miraculous cures

LOURDES, France (AP) — His voice weak, his legs unsteady as he knelt in prayer, Pope John Paul II joined thousands of other ailing pilgrims Saturday at a cliffside shrine known for its miraculous cures, telling them he shares in their physical suffering and assuring them the burden is part of God's "wondrous plan."

The rare reference to his own illnesses — Parkinson's disease and crippling knee and hip ailments — came at the start of a two-day visit to the shrine to the Virgin Mary, where Roman Catholics seek healing, hope and inner peace.

"With you I share a time of life marked by physical suffering, yet not for that reason any less fruitful in God's wondrous plan," the 84-year-old pope said in remarks read for him by a French cardinal.

"Dear brothers and sisters who are sick, how I would like to embrace each and every one of you with affection, to tell you how close I am to you and how much I support you."

John Paul spoke haltingly in French, slurring his words, when addressing French President Jacques Chirac shortly after arriving from Rome. Later, he made no attempt to read his brief speech when he prayed in the ivy-covered grotto where Mary is said to have appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858.

He was hoisted from a wheeled throne onto a kneeler to pray at the grotto, but after less than a minute he slipped, and aides immediately steadied him and lifted him back into his chair.

Then, following Lourdes' custom, he sipped a glass of water from the spring that flows underground, believed by many to have curative powers.

"Everything is normal, the pope was only tired," papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told reporters. "We have to get used to seeing him that way."

In the late afternoon John Paul returned to the grotto and delivered a brief speech, although with some difficulty, saying "I have reached the



AP Photo

Pope John Paul II sits in his popemobile and is cheered by pilgrims in front of the Immaculate Conception Basilica in Lourdes, southwestern France, Saturday. Pope John Paul II arrived in Lourdes for a two-day pilgrimage to the Roman Catholic shrine whose waters are said to bring miraculous healing.

goal of my pilgrimage" with the stop. Asther Mora, a 48-year-old pilgrim from Madrid, Spain, expressed mixed feelings about the pope's visit.

"Happy because I've seen him, and sad because this will be the last time I'll see him because of his health," she said.

Organizers predicted as many as 300,000 pilgrims would fill this town nestled in the Pyrenees mountains in southern France for the pope's visit, and the estimate appeared on the mark. Enthusiastic crowds jammed the narrow streets on a splendid August morning, leaving barely enough room for the papal motorcade to reach the grotto.

Security was heavy but gentle as pilgrims waved at John Paul, a few yards away from his bulletproof white popemobile.

The shrine is said to have brought sight to the blind, cured multiple sclerosis and made tumors vanish. Thousands of people have claimed to have been healed, and the church has recognized 66 claims as official miracles.

India performs first execution in 9 years

Convicted murderer, rapist hanged by retired 84-year-old hangman

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — A man convicted of raping and murdering a teenage girl was hanged at dawn Saturday in this Indian city, the first execution in nine years in a country where the death penalty is reserved for "the rarest of rare cases."

Dhananjaya Chatterjee, 39, was executed at 4:30 a.m.

He walked out of Cell No. 3 at the Alipora Correctional Home, where he has spent the last 13 years in solitary confinement, and walked down a concrete path to the wooden gallows.

An 84-year-old hangman brought out of retirement carried out the execution, helped by his son and grandson.

Earlier at the prison, about 70 protesters had gathered at 2 a.m., lit candles and held anti-death penalty banners. At the time of the hang-

ing, they were silent for a moment, and then left.

Chatterjee was convicted of raping and suffocating Hetal Parekh, 14, who lived in a Calcutta apartment building where he worked as a security guard. He was arrested in 1990 and transferred to the solitary confinement death row cell after his conviction in 1991.

Chatterjee and his family had maintained his innocence, and lawyers filed appeals twice to the Supreme Court and sought clemency from two Indian presidents. President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam turned down the final plea last week, and the Supreme Court rejected another appeal Thursday.

The executioner, Nata Mullick, also carried out the last hanging in West Bengal state in 1991, when two men were executed for killing



AP Photo

Members of the Association for the Protection of Democratic Rights stage a silent protest to demand abolishing hanging in India as they walk past the Alipore Central Jail in Calcutta, India, Friday.

four members of a family. The last execution in all of India was in 1995, when an auto-rickshaw driver convicted in the serial murders of prostitutes was hanged in southern Tamil Nadu state.

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On the road: The race for president

Kerry's two-week cross country tour comes to a close in Oregon

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — On the last day of a two-week march from the Atlantic to the Pacific, tens of thousands of people stood under a hot sun on a bank of the Willamette River to hear John Kerry explain why he should be elected president.



John Kerry

But for most of two weeks that the Democratic candidate was on the road, his campaign drew smaller crowds in smaller places, a lower-cost way to fill late summer weeks that typically don't see much campaigning.

"He's trying to fill a period that normally is a dead time in a campaign," said Paul Beck, political science professor at Ohio State University. "It's something that's harder for an incumbent president to do."

Kerry put his family, his running mate and the occasional celebrity on a caravan of buses and trains that churned through thousands of miles and touched 12 battleground states. His chosen vice president, John Edwards, broke from the trail to cover even more territory.

Bush planning a sixth visit to the Mountain State on Tuesday

Associated Press

CHARLESTON — President Bush is planning another visit to West Virginia.

Bush will speak at a rally at Hedgesville High School near Martinsburg on Tuesday, campaign spokesman Reed Dickens said Friday.



George Bush

The event, which is being labeled as a Republican National Committee Victory '04 Rally, begins at 6:25 p.m., the RNC said.

"We're excited that President Bush is coming back to West Virginia," said Mary Diamond, a state campaign spokeswoman.

Bush's last West Virginia visit — his fifth since March — was an unannounced campaign stop near Wheeling on July 31, when he toured Cabela's hunting and fishing emporium.

Democratic candidate John Kerry has visited West Virginia five times.

West Virginia is considered a battleground state this year. President Bush won the state in 2000 despite a 2-to-1 Democratic advantage over Republicans.

Poll: Bush a strong leader, Kerry solid on domestic issues

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush retains an advantage with voters on such qualities as decisiveness and strength of leadership despite the Democrats' effort to promote John Kerry as a strong leader, a poll this week finds.

Kerry is seen as better on issues ranging from the economy to health care to education.

Bush has a 10-point, 49-39 percent advantage over the Massachusetts senator on the issue of handling terrorism. They were even on handling Iraq, and Kerry was favored by slightly more on the handling of foreign policy, according to a poll released Thursday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Bush campaign aides pointed to the poll's increase in perceptions of Kerry as someone who changes his mind when compared with the president.

"The Kerry campaign spent \$80 million to \$100 million on advertising and then held the convention in July, all to showcase John Kerry as a strong leader," said Bush campaign strategist Matthew Dowd. "When the polls showed very little movement, they said the goal was to change the public perception of his attributes."

When asked which candidate is more likely to change his mind, 47 percent said Kerry and 28 percent said

Bush. In May, 42 percent said Kerry is more likely to change his mind.

Kerry campaign pollster Mark Mellman said many polls have come out since the Democratic National Convention last month and generally have shown Kerry strengthening his position with the public.

"All the evidence says that Kerry has more than passed the threshold test on national security and on leadership," Mellman said.

He pointed to an ABC-Washington Post poll after the convention that found more people thought Kerry better qualified to be commander in chief, 52 percent, compared with the number who said that about Bush, 44 percent.

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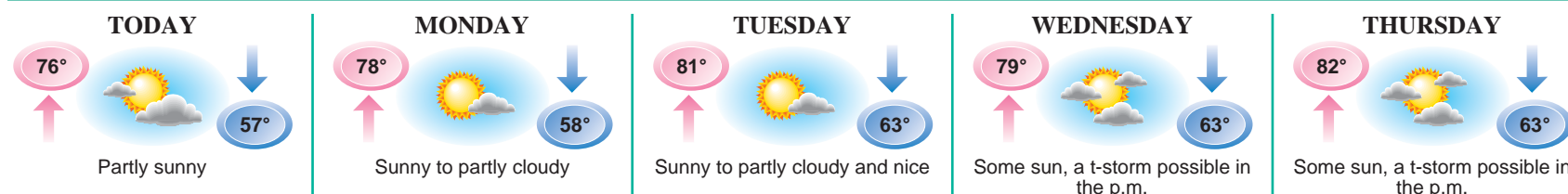
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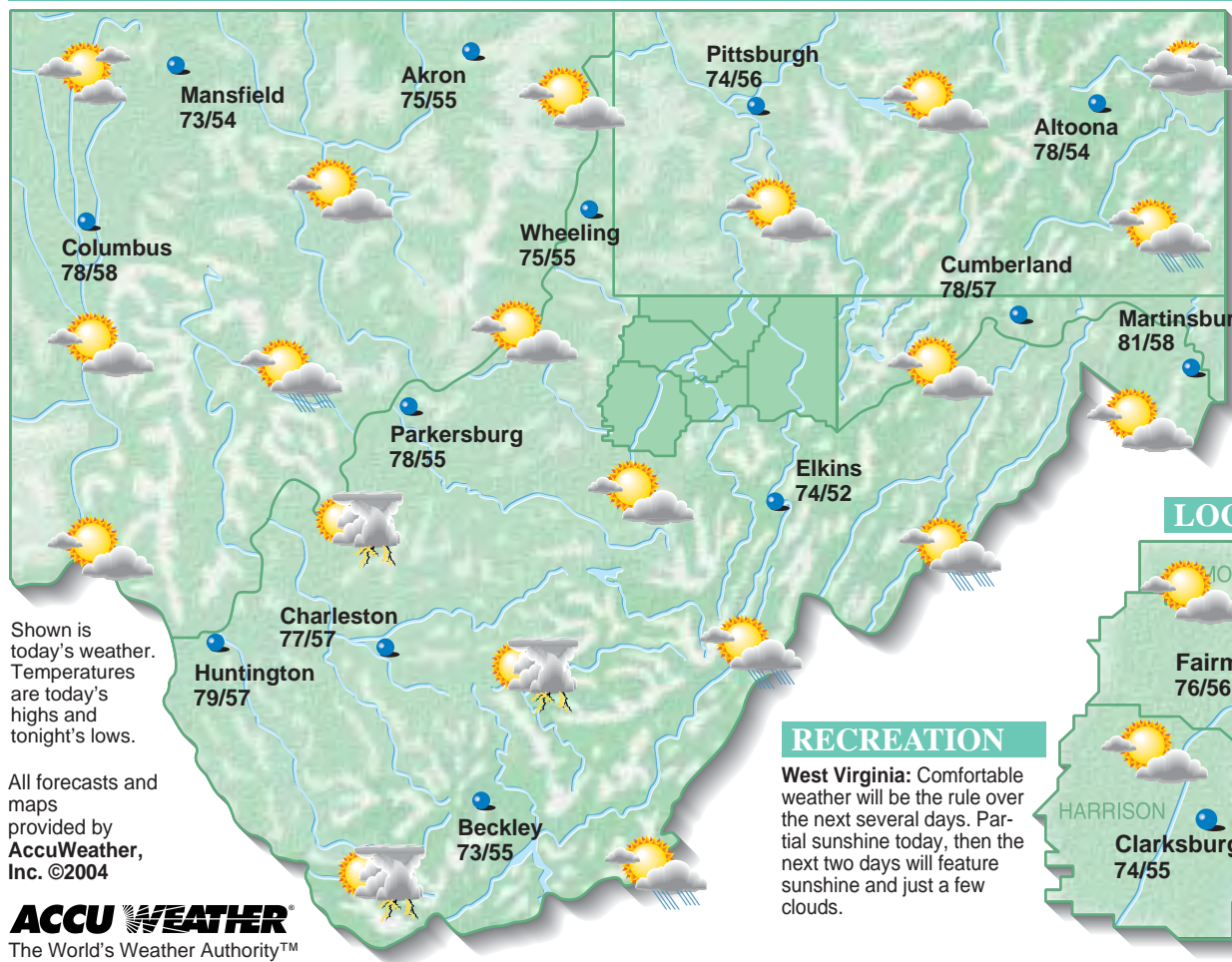
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REGIONAL WEATHER



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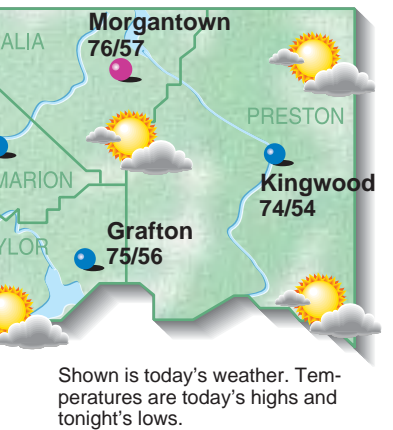
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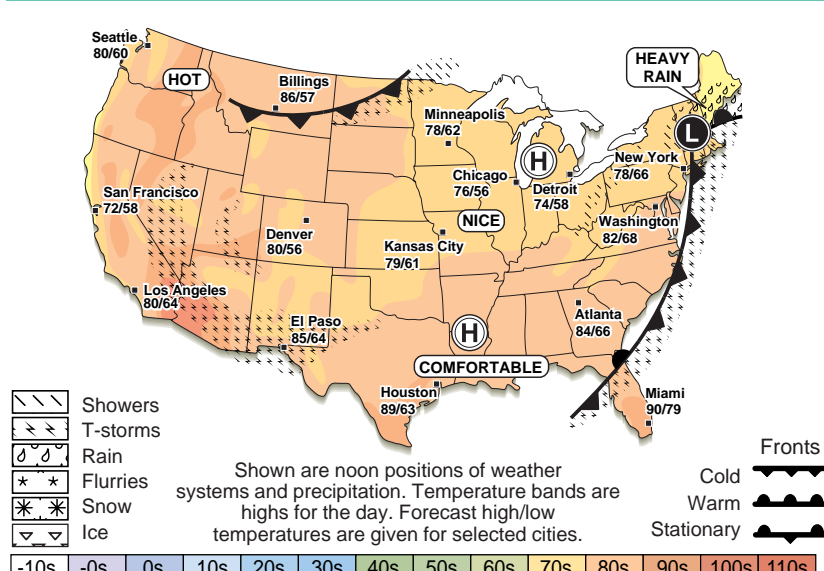
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LOCAL WEATHER



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



Legend for weather symbols: Showers, T-storms, Rain, Flurries, Snow, Ice. Fronts: Cold, Warm, Stationary. Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

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Yesterday in Morgantown Grasses ... Absent Weeds ... Moderate Trees ... Absent Molds ... Moderate Source: WV University

UV INDEX

Highest today ... 7 ... high The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the UV index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table listing regional cities and their weather conditions (Sun, Hi/Lo, W, Mon, Hi/Lo, W).

SOLUNAR TABLE

Table showing five-day forecast of peak feeding times for fish and game, listing Major and Minor peaks.

LAKES AND RIVERS

Table showing lake and river levels (7 a.m. Yest., 24-hour Change) for Cheat Lake, Deep Creek, etc.

ALMANAC

Today is Sunday, Aug. 15, the 228th day of 2004. There are 138 days left in the year.

HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY: IN 1945, was proclaimed "V-J Day" by the Allies, a day after Japan agreed to surrender unconditionally.

ON THIS DATE: IN 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

IN 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic.

IN 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.

IN 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

IN 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

IN 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb that tore apart the center of Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Actress Rose Marie is 81. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 80. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 69. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 66. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 60. Actor Ben Affleck is 32.

Bored teenager may need a new routine

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 and live in a small town. I need to know something: Is boredom normal? I got up one morning and realized how bored I am. I don't mean bored with nothing to do. I am bored with myself and my daily routine.

I'm not especially sad, just bored with life itself — the people I see every day, the town I live in, the way I look, my boyfriend, my room, going to school — "same old, same old."

I want this feeling to go away. What can I do? — RESTLESS TEEN IN MARYLAND

DEAR RESTLESS: Talk to your parents about involving yourself in a new activity, preferably one where you will meet new people. Visit the library and ask the librarian to suggest some books to expand your range of interests.

Everyone feels the way you do at one time or another. The solution is to dwell less on yourself and more on the needs of other people.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a live-in relationship with a man I'll call Howard. Last year, I began quietly seeing "Adam," Howard found out about the affair a few months later, but didn't want us to break up.

I decided to stay with Howard even though I am in love with Adam, because I can't support myself on my own. After that,



JEANNE PHILLIPS DEAR ABBY

Adam decided it would be best if we stopped seeing each other. I know he's right, but I'd really like to talk to him. Right now, I'm agonizing over whether to call him.

When I ask my family or friends for advice, they say I should move on and get over Adam, because I'm only 21 and have my whole life ahead of me. The truth is, I can't let go so easily. It has been about four months since we last spoke. Should I call Adam, and if I do, what should I say? — CLUELESS IN VEGAS

DEAR CLUELESS: Listen to your family and friends; they have your best interests at heart. In the meantime, I strongly recommend that you take a breather before going another round with anyone. Do not call Adam until you have left Howard and become self-supporting. That way, he will know you are not after him for a meal ticket, too.

JEANNE PHILLIPS writes "Dear Abby" under the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren.

TV LISTINGS

Table of TV listings by time slot (6:00 to 11:30) across various channels (CBS, ABC, NBC, FOX, etc.), listing program titles and times.

Advertisement for Centra Bank safe-deposit boxes. Text includes: "It's Midnight... Do You Know Where Your Valuables Are?" and "Protect Your Valuables For Just Pennies a Day." with pricing for 3x10, 5x10, and 10x10 boxes.

SHOPPING

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are with them. "Children can pick out two outfits, new socks and underwear, and a backpack full of school supplies," Stout said.

A regular client, Jennifer Collins, will bring her four children again so they can pick out their own school wardrobes.

"It's going to help me out a lot," Collins said. "You can get really nice shoes and clothes on that day."

Stout said that last year they helped 175 children but would like to help more this year.

WVU Hospitals employees, who conducted a clothing drive in May for the annual Day of Caring, contributed the main stock of school clothes for Christian Help's one-day event.

But more items are needed, Stout said.

The group still needs new socks and undergarments, new or like-new shoes, and clothing and school supplies. Anyone who wants to donate those items can do so during regular business hours, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday. Call Stout at 296-0221 to help.

Stout said financial contributions are always welcome, and will be used to purchase needed items that have not been donated.

Two of Collins' children, John and Jeremy Collins, said they got good "stuff" last year and are looking forward to picking out a school outfit this year.

"This year I want to pick out some blue jeans, blue jean shorts and sport shirts," John Collins, 12, said.

Stout said she and the volunteers who are working with the event find the experience gratifying.

"We get to see the parents letting their children pick out what they want — not looking at the price tags or having to decide whether they can afford it or not," Stout said.

Whatever clothes are left from the day will still be available that following week, Stout said.

She hopes everyone will come and bring their children out.

She stressed the special shopping day is "just for kids" and that they want to see a lot of young faces Saturday.

Stout said you don't have to prove a need, but just come and be a part of the day.

John Collins added, "Just walk through the doors."

SABRA UMC

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\$5,000," said Jim Dodson. "Someone came up with the idea to have an auction, and we raised enough to pay it off. That was a real milestone."

Former Gov. Arch Moore was among those who contributed.

In an odd twist, membership was highest just before the building was constructed, at 192 in 1910. Today, it has dwindled to 52.

"Twenty-five members have passed away in the last 10 years, and there was a time when we thought we might have to close," said Sue Morris, Sabra's membership secretary. "It's a core group though — mostly from this neighborhood. But we'd like to see membership grow."

Church members agreed that the majority of attendees are retired or elderly and that most of the younger members have migrated to other cities. There are no surviving members of the original church.

"The folks that attended here back then were within walking distance of factories, and there was a railroad here," said Dolly Hoey. "Things have changed. But still, we're a determined church."

A new steeple, educational building, walkway and other amenities have been added on to the historic place of worship in Sabraton's Jerome Park.

Members say they would like to have more room for parking and more handicapped accessible spaces, in addition to more members. But

they also are quick to count their blessings.

Sometimes a memory tied to one's past — in this case one's spiritual heritage — is the key that opens the door to thankfulness.

As Snodgrass remarked to his congregation in 1956: "In sorting out books and papers recently, I found my vest pocket notebook in which I recorded the names of the persons who made a public profession of faith in that meeting. How many of them do you remember?"

PRINCIPAL

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Schools coordinator, Nichols worked in Ohio schools, where she taught music and gifted K-6.

Ten people applied for the job of KES principal, said Preston County Schools Superintendent John Lofink. Lofink said three applicants "had some connection to the county." Three others were from north-central West Virginia, and four candidates lived out of state.

The out-of-state applicants were accustomed to a higher salary than Preston County could offer, Lofink said, and after the interview chose

not to contend.

However, not everyone is happy with Lofink's recommendation, which the BOE approved this week.

One citizen, Dave Hughes, told the Preston County Board of Education at its meeting this week, "I'm puzzled by the recommendation that you have here."

Hughes referred to the past two KES principals as "outsiders" because they were not from the Preston County area. Comparing the KES principal's job to baseball, Hughes said, "You had two strikes. I don't want to see you have a third strike."

Hughes, who wanted the current KES Assistant Principal Tom Strahin to receive the position, stated that Strahin was "well qualified."

Applicants were judged on criteria such as certification level and experience. To Lofink, the interview was of utmost importance. After assigning points to each criterion Lofink decided that Nichols "came out strong."

A former long-distance runner, Nichols said she loves physical exercise. Although she may not be a Preston County native, it won't



Jason DeProspero/The Dominion Post

Dorothy "Jan" Nichols, who follows a long line of educators in her family, is ready to take the helm as Kingwood Elementary's new principal.

take long for the people of Kingwood to meet her.

"I've slowed down a bit, (but) I'll walk all over Kingwood," Nichols said. "I am a very upbeat person."

Nichols presently lives in Doddridge County with her daughter. Her husband lives in Parkersburg, where he works, and her son is a sophomore at Fairmont State University.

Nichols is currently house hunting in the Kingwood area. Her ninth-grade daughter will make the move and attend Preston High School in the fall.

"My family is very important to me — and my job — that's pretty much my life," Nichols said.

And as for bringing her personality and training to a new area, Nichols said, "I think change is a good thing."

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Mon Fair memories



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Don Burns (above) holds his granddaughter, Jillian, as they pet a horse in the livestock area of the Monongalia County Fair Wednesday. (Left) Kids get their thrills during a ride on a miniature roller coaster Saturday, the last day of the fair.

Shiloh Robertson (right) throws a ping-pong ball trying to win a fish.



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Christina Riggle (above) compares the gold fish she just won to another that her friend won at the Monongalia County Fair. John Carline (left) watches as his horse Bullett finishes eating in the livestock area at the Monongalia County Fair Wednesday.

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Riders fly by (left) as they spin around on the swings at the Monongalia County Fair. Fairgoers (right) try their luck one last time before the fair comes to an end at the "Water Race" game Saturday afternoon.



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Campus Life

The 'occupation' of life: OTs help people adapt, gain their independence



BY IVY SMITH
The Dominion Post

The double vision, slurred speech and sudden numbness on your right side. You knew the warning signs, and the doctor's diagnosis made your fear a reality.

It was a stroke, and now the right side of your body isn't working like it used to. Making dinner and getting dressed were things you used to take for granted and now seem impossible. But it doesn't have to be this way. There are professionals who can help you get back to the "occupation" of living.

They are known as occupational therapists and at WVU gain the knowledge and skills they needed to work with all ages and in a variety of settings. Through a three-year program with hands-on training, occupational therapy students earn a master's degree and often score higher than the national average on the national certification exam.

"Occupational therapy is a health care profession that seeks to maximize independence in people's lives," said Dr. Randy McCombie, chairman of the division of OT.

According to the American Occupational Therapy Association, OTs complete comprehensive evaluations of home and job sites and often make adaptive recommendations to make daily activities easier.

Before being accepted to the OT program, students are required to complete two years of pre-requisite classes that include English, psychology, biology, statistics and liberal arts courses.

In December of the sophomore year, students can start applying to the program. To be accepted, students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and have completed 60 hours of volunteer work with an OT professional. "The volunteering gives them an idea of the profession they are going to devote three years of academics to and professionally, the rest of their lives," McCombie said.

In addition to GPA and volunteer hours, students fill out a formal application, complete an on-site essay, and go through an interview process where they are judged on their general knowledge of the field, which is usually gained through the volunteer experience, and their ability to handle stress. Students must also have references from a college professor and OT professional, said McCombie.

About 30 students are accepted to the program each year.

Students start the first year of the program as juniors and learn the foundation of the OT profession. They also



take science classes that are essential to the treatment and intervention procedures they will learn during the next two years of the program.

"The first year is very intense," said Lori Letterio, of Weirton, who is beginning her last year in the program. She said classes like anatomy; the human body; neurology; the nervous system; and kinesiology, the motion of the human body; are essential to move on to OT classes.

Assistant Professor Diana Davis agreed. "We really make sure the students understand what's happening to the client from a biological-physiological level, not just an activity level, so they understand the full impact of the disability."

OTs work on an individualized basis with patients to help improve their ability to perform daily activ-

ities through treatment or adaptive measures. Licensed OTs work in many settings including acute care, rehabilitation therapy, home health, early intervention, and geriatric and mental health facilities.

"Occupational therapy is all about real life and the role people play," said Robbin Butler, director of clinical services at HealthSouth Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital. She described OT as a holistic approach to the individual's care.

During the summer before the third year of the program, OT students do their first 12-week clinical rotation, also known as field work. Under the direct supervision of professionals, students work with patients and carry a full case load by the end of the 12 weeks. Students do their second 12-week rotation at

the end of their third year in the program, McCombie said.

Amanda Hilton of Clarksburg finished her first rotation Aug. 6 and said it built on the skills learned during her first two years in the program. "(The rotation) gave us a lot of our own experiences that we can share with classmates," she said. "It was really beneficial because I got to see a lot of different things like different treatment ideas and diagnoses."

Hilton did her 12-week rotation at Health South in Huntington and said the experience will help her when she takes her national exams after graduation.

The OT field has dramatically grown in the last 13 years, said Butler, who was one of only three licensed OTs in northern West Virginia in 1991. Today there are 430 in



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Leah Trefz (above, left), 20, of Dayton, Ohio, uses a machine called a BTE to practice driving skills while Amanda Hilton, 24, of Clarksburg, observes. The machine helps extend the range of motion of patients and is used to evaluate their skills and abilities for certain activities. Kristi Fazzenbaker (left photo, left), 21, of Frostburg, Md., practices using a piece of adaptive equipment known as a "sock aide." Trefz assists her. Lori Letterio (below), 24, of Weirton, uses a "reacher" to grab a can of food from the cabinet. "Reachers" are often given to orthopedic patients to make their lives a little easier.



Who needs Occupational Therapy?

- People with work related injuries
- People who have had a stroke or heart attack
- People with arthritis, multiple sclerosis or other serious illnesses
- Children with birth injuries, learning problems or developmental disabilities
- People with mental health problems
- People with substance abuse problems or eating disorders
- People with burns, spinal cord injuries or amputations
- People with broken bones or other injuries from sports, falls, or accidents

the state. She supervises WVU students who do rotations at her facility. "The WVU OT students are more than adequately prepared to enter the field and begin practicing with patients under the direct supervision of professionals," she said. "Their skills have also allowed them to be successful in passing their national certification exam."

Before students can enter the workforce, they must take their national certification exam and often score higher than the national average. According to McCombie, the national average for the exam is 82 percent. WVU students average a score of 95 percent.

For more information about the OT program at WVU, go to www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/ot/.

WVU's 'Welcome Week' to introduce students to university

BY JASON TUREK
For The Dominion Post

Before students pack all of their belongings and begin the next chapter of their lives, WVU plans to greet them with a number of activities during Welcome Week.

From Friday-Aug. 27, students can participate in many activities that interest them the most. The activities are aimed at helping first-year students feel more at home in Morgantown as well as observing the many opportunities it offers.

"The main focus for Welcome Week is to introduce and connect the first-year students to the university," said Regan Bruni, New Student Orientation coordinator. "We want them to start on the right track and be successful."

WVU has sent out information for Welcome Week in many different capacities. "We have sent out letters, accessed the event onto the WVU homepage, and have resident assistants and residential halls send the word out," said Rhonda Hall, program specialist for Residential Education.

There is no cost to students for Welcome Week.

"WVU staff members provide

most of the services, and vendors are at the university free of charge," Bruni said.

This will be the first year for Welcome Week. In past years, a three-day event called Jumpstart Academy welcomed incoming students.

"Both events focus on the incoming students, but Welcome Week will have more activities and is open to new and returning students," Bruni said. "Each day of the week has a theme and focused activity."

From Friday-Aug. 22, Welcome Week will be geared toward first-year students.

Students will be welcomed by resident assistants and resident faculty leaders as they move into the residence halls to unpack and meet their roommates during Trading Spaces Day on Friday.

Students are then invited to a Welcome Picnic and Student Organization Fair at the Student Recreation Center. While there, students can meet other students and learn about the hundreds of organizations and opportunities available to them outside the classroom.

Taking Care of Business Day on Saturday will be on both floors of the

Events schedule

- FRIDAY:** Trading Spaces
- SATURDAY:** Taking Care of Business
- AUG. 22:** You're a Mountaineer
- AUG. 23:** Student Organization Day
- AUG. 24:** Wellness Day
- AUG. 25:** Community Day
- AUG. 26:** Multicultural Day
- AUG. 27:** Blue and Gold Day

Mountainlair. The university will be offering a one-stop shop where a student can pay for tuition and fees, check on financial aid, set up a local bank account, and much more.

"The banks in the area will have tables set up for the students to choose and open a bank account," Bruni said. "U.S. Cellular will also have a table for students in need of a cell phone."

Students can also get their questions answered or go on a campus

tour at the Help Center in E. Moore Hall which will be open to students every day except on Aug. 22.

The day will be highlighted by Mike Domitrz, a nationally known speaker who tours colleges around the country. He will be presenting two plays called "Get out of Jail Free" and "Can I Kiss You?"

The day ends with Midnight Madness, an event that includes activities in the Morgantown area.

On Aug. 22, You're a Mountaineer Day begins at noon with New Student Convocation at the WVU Coliseum. "The convocation is a requirement for incoming or transfer students with 29 or less credits participating in the University 101 class," Hall said.

The convocation offers students a chance to hear from WVU President David C. Hardesty Jr., Student Government Association President Jordan Workman, Student Government Association Vice President DJ Casto, and several others about their experiences as Mountaineers.

Student Organization Day will be Aug. 23, the first day of classes. This will be the day to learn more about student organizations. The day concludes with the annual

FallFest celebration, which features big-name acts on the WVU campus.

Wellness Day will be Aug. 24 at the Student Recreation Center. Several activities will be held throughout the day including cholesterol screenings and body fat analysis, information sessions on healthy weight control, and free chair massages.

On Aug. 25, or Community Day, students are given the chance to learn more about Morgantown. Representatives from the Morgantown Convention and Visitors Bureau, MountainLine Transportation, Main Street Morgantown, and more will be on campus to share their services with students.

WVU's diverse campus will be displayed during Multicultural Day on Aug. 26. Students can learn about other cultures as well as study abroad opportunities. The day ends with the kickoff of WVU All Night, WVU's weekend entertainment program. Students can enjoy free food, drinks and movies.

The week will culminate with Blue and Gold Day when students wear blue and gold or favorite WVU attire. Students will also have the opportunity to learn about getting free WVU game tickets.

Professor gets honorary degree

The Dominion Post

Jaiyoung Ryu, M.D., professor of orthopaedics at WVU's School of Medicine, was recently awarded an honorary doctoral degree from Iuliu Hatieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Chief of hand and upper extremity surgery at WVU, Ryu sees more than 130 patients a week with arm and hand trauma, congenital anomalies, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis, as well as vascular and neurologic problems, such as cubital or carpal tunnel syndromes.

At an international conference that he organized for more than 300 hand surgeons, Ryu was recognized for his contributions to the development and international status of hand surgery in Romania.

In addition to his appointment in the School of Medicine's Department of Orthopaedics, Ryu serves as an adjunct associate professor in the WVU Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. He is also an adjunct associate professor in the department of orthopaedic surgery at Texas Tech University.

Singh-sational Vijay leads PGA by one

Every round so far has been in 60s

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

HAVEN, Wis. — Vijay Singh is one round away from turning a great year into his best ever.

Flawless over his final 13 holes Saturday, at Whistling Straits, as a pack of contenders fell away, Singh emerged as the man to beat at the PGA Championship, making a 5-foot par putt on the final hole for a 3-under 69 and a one-shot lead over Justin Leonard.

"I'm quite happy with the way I'm playing," Singh said. "I've worked hard for this."

Already a four-time winner on the PGA Tour this year — twice more than anyone else — the 41-year-old Fijian put himself in prime position to capture his third major and first since the 2000 Masters.

He has won his past seven tournaments with at least a share of the 54-hole lead, dating to the 2002 Houston Open. And the way he closed

out his third round on a spectacular day along the shores of Lake Michigan, the final round should play right into his hands.

Leonard, who had a two-shot lead after making a 6-foot birdie on the 12th, bogeyed two of the longest pars at Whistling Straits, Nos. 15 and 18, to put himself in a dubious position of catching Singh.

With three straight rounds in the 60s — unthinkable at the start of the week — Singh was at 12-under 204. Leonard found the bunker on the 18th and had to scramble to make a bogey for a 70.

Leonard was at 205, giving him a third chance at winning the final major of the year.

"Vijay is an incredible player," Leonard said. "It's going to be a fun day. I get to go head-to-head with one of the best players in the world, if not the best player in the world. At the same time, I have to play a Pete Dye golf course that's pretty difficult."

It proved plenty difficult down the stretch for Ernie Els, Briny Baird and even Phil Mickelson, although all of them are very much in contention.

Els, one of four players with at least a share of the lead Saturday, narrowly missed four birdie putts on the back nine and it caught up with him when he started missing fairways.

The Big Easy had to made a great up-and-down on the 18th from 60 yards for bogey, giving him a 72 and



AP photo

Ernie Els agonizes over another missed putt. He missed four on the back nine and wound up at 72.

leaving him in a large group at 8-under 208 that included Mickelson (67), Darren Clarke (72), Stephen Ames (69) and Chris Riley (69), who is trying to sneak his way onto the Ryder Cup team.

Chris DiMarco had a 71 and was another shot behind.

Missing from the mix is Tiger

Woods, which is no longer a big surprise.

Woods was poised to at least get into the picture until he lost his momentum with the click of a camera on No. 7, then failed to make birdie on the back nine for a 69. He was nine shots behind, and almost certain to end a 10th straight major

without winning.

Singh cannot replace Woods at No. 1 in the world — he needed Woods to miss the cut — but he can put a stamp on an amazing career with a victory today at Whistling Straits. It would be his 20th career victory on the PGA Tour and third major, credentials worthy of the Hall of Fame.

He can attribute it to his putter, which has held him back so many times in the majors.

Singh kept Leonard in his sight with a 10-foot birdie on No. 10 and an 8-foot par save on the next hole, then pulled even on the long holes where Leonard struggled.

Leonard drove into a bunker on the 518-yard 15th hole, had to lay up and failed to save par. On the 500-yard closing hole, his approach went into the bunker and he barely got out, leaving him two putts from 60 feet for bogey.

Along with taking the lead, Singh had a four-shot advantage on every-one else.

"That putt on the last meant a lot," Singh said. "Being four ahead of the pack, they've got to play one shot better to catch me now."

Mickelson joined the leaders quickly, another blazing start with three birdies on his first four holes, a 40-foot par save that he called the key to his round, and two more birdies to make the turn in 31, just one shot behind.

But he couldn't keep it going, three-putting the 11th from long range and picking up only one more birdie for a 67.

At least he has a chance to become the first player since Jack Nicklaus in 1975 to win the Masters and PGA in the same year, and he can break new ground as the first to finish in the top three at all four majors.

Tiger Woods calls out pesky photographers

PGA NOTEBOOK

BY TAD REEVE

Knight Ridder Newspapers

HAVEN, Wis. — Tiger Woods loves the spectators who have turned out to watch the 86th PGA Championship at Whistling Straits, calling them some of the most respectful and supportive he has ever seen.

He does not feel the same about photographers following him who seem to get an itchy finger at the most inopportune times. Woods said photographers have clicked a picture just before or during his swing at least three times this week, affecting his play.

He puts part of the blame on the trigger-happy shutterbugs for his double-bogey 7 at No. 11 on Thursday, his bogey 6 at No. 5 on Friday and poor drives he hit Saturday on Nos. 7 and 11.

"You're not used to hearing cameras go off normally when you play golf," Woods said. "We were on the clock (for slow play, starting at No. 6) today, so I couldn't waste my time. I had to get up, and hit a poor shot."

"I think it's the guys we don't see week to week. It's not the guys that are tour vets that we are accustomed to. They know what they are doing. It's the guys who are just making their appearance for one week."

Memo to photographers who might offend the No. 1-ranked player in the world today: Woods' caddie, Steve Williams, has been known to handle pesky photographers by tossing their camera in a greenside lake. He has ripped more than a few cameras out of photographers' hands in PGA Tour events the past couple of years.

Maybe fewer photographers will be following Woods around the course in today's final round. He shot a 3-under 69 to get to 3-under 213 through 54 holes, nine shots behind leader Vijay Singh, and likely will not contend for the championship today.

"I played well; I just didn't keep it going," Woods said. "By putting as poorly as I did on Thursday, I just put myself too far behind. I haven't putted that poorly in one round since I don't know when."

Ryder Cup watch

U.S. Ryder Cup team captain Hal Sutton says he wants players who finish strong, like Woods did Friday, when he birdied two of his last three

At a glance

- Course: 7,514-yard, par-72 Whistling Straits;
- Leading: Vijay Singh (69 on Saturday) is 12 under.
- Chasing: Justin Leonard (70) is 11 under and Phil Mickelson (67) and Ernie Els (72) are among five another three strokes back.
- Shot of the day: Mickelson made a 40-foot putt on No. 5 to save par. Mickelson double-bogeyed the hole Friday after three-putting from a similar distance.
- Tiger Tales: Long before the leaders teed off, Woods birdied three of the first five holes to move to six under — within two strokes of the lead. He finished with a 69 and is 3 under for the tournament.
- Key stat: Singh has won his last seven tournaments when he went into the last day with at least a share of the lead.
- Notable: Stuart Appleby earned a pair of two-stroke penalties on the 16th, one of them for moving some grass and one for grounding his club. He carded a nine on the hole and shot a 72 instead of a 68 to fall 11 strokes behind the leader.
- Quotable: "You talk about saving shots in a round of golf. I basically could have saved four strokes by reading a piece of paper inside the locker room." — Appleby.
- Key tee times (EDT): 2:20 p.m. — Ernie Els, Chris DiMarco; 2:40 — Phil Mickelson, Chris Riley; 2:50 p.m. — Justin Leonard, Vijay Singh.

holes to make the 36-hole cut.

But four of the top eight point winners on the American team didn't even make it to the weekend. No. 3 Davis Love III (148), No. 4 Jim Furyk (153), No. 5 Kenny Perry (149) and No. 8 Fred Funk (146) missed the cut. So did Sutton, who shot 147.

One guy making sure he doesn't lose his spot is left-hander Steve Flesch, ninth on the points list, who shot a 5-under 67 Saturday and is at 4-under 212 entering today's final round.

"I just want captain Hal to know that I'm going to go away kicking and screaming," Flesch said.

The top 10 players in the point standings will earn automatic berths on the team.

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Here are the 2,000 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 1,775 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 400 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least \$5 and changed 10 percent or more in price. Underlining for 100 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show the stock name, last price and daily net change, as well as one to two additional fields of information throughout the week:

52-week High: Stock's high price over the last 52 weeks.
52-week Low: Stock's low price over 52 weeks.
Last: Stock's final price for the week.
Daily Chg: Net change in price for the last trading day of the week.
Wk Chg: Net change in price for the week.

Stock Footnote: cc - PE greater than 99. dd - New 52-week low during week. dd - Loss in last 12 weeks. New issue in last 52 weeks. pf - Preferred. Holder owns installment of purchase price. Closed-end mutual fund. no PE calculated. rt - Rights. s - Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u - New 52-week high during week. un - Units. v - Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. wd - When distributed. w - When issued. wt - Warrants. ww - With warrants. xw - Without warrants.

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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Tables show the top 10 and bottom 10 funds in the most popular investment categories. Funds ranked by 4-week percent return. Shown below: Long-Term US Bond and General Taxable Bond.

TOP LONG-TERM US BOND FUNDS table with columns: Name, Total Return/Rank, 4-wk, 12-mo, 5-yr, Min Invt, Pct, Nav.

BOTTOM LONG-TERM US BOND FUNDS table with columns: Name, Total Return/Rank, 4-wk, 12-mo, 5-yr, Min Invt, Pct, Nav.

LEADERS AND LAGGARDS BY GROUP

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HOW TO READ THE MUTUAL FUND TABLES

Here are the 1,950 biggest mutual funds listed on Nasdaq. Tables show the fund name, net asset value (NAV) and daily net change and weekly net change.

Name: Name of mutual fund and family. NAV: Net asset value. Saturday: Date. Wk Chg: Weekly net change in price of NAV. Total Return: Percent change in NAV for the time period shown.

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Table showing Assets (\$ Billions) and Total Return for various funds like Vanguard Ibx Fds, Fidelity Invest, American Funds.

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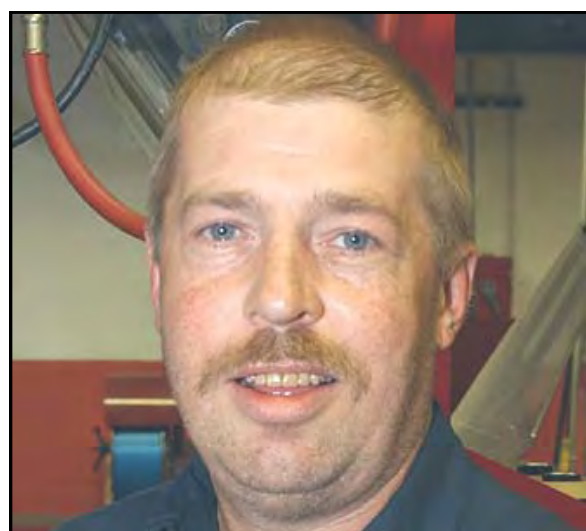
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JOHN ROSEMOND

PARENT TO PARENT

Grounding can be a form of teen quarantine

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Q: Life with my 16-year-old stepson, who lives with my husband and me because his mother is a mess, has been a battle from day one. School has always been a struggle for him, and he's had a problem with lying since he was a youngster. The really bad problems began a year ago when he began hanging out with some troublemakers.

He began to dress like a gang member and began writing rap song lyrics involving sex, foul language and violence. He has flunked almost every class for the past year. Last spring he was caught at school with a switchblade knife. He was arrested and spent seven days in juvenile hall. He's now on probation for two years. We have grounded him for the duration and will not allow him to get a driver's license. He says that we can ground him as much as we want, but we cannot make him care about school or stop dressing like he is a gang member.

My husband says grounding is not accomplishing anything and wants to let up on it. I disagree and think his leniency, the result of guilt, has made matters worse. Help!

A: If by "grounding is not accomplishing anything" your husband means it's not causing any bright lights to come on in your stepson's head, I have to agree. Nevertheless, and for that very reason, I'd keep him grounded.

First, that's the way the world works. If you aren't responsible, if you behave in an anti-social fashion, privilege is denied you. Call it "reality therapy," knowing, however, that it may not have any therapeutic effect at all.

From your description, I'd say your stepson is on the road to huge problems as a young adult and that you may have passed the point where your influence matters, which brings me to the second reason why I'd keep him grounded: It will prevent him from getting into further trouble, for the time being at least.

The next time he tells you that grounding him isn't working, say, "Oh, we're not hoping that being grounded will make you a better person. We're doing it to prevent you, while you live here with us, from getting worse. So, you're grounded. When you're 18 and off probation, you're free to move out and call your own shots. Until then, we have a responsibility to this community to see to it that your ability to cause trouble and create problems for others is minimized."

In other words, grounding this child is not so much for his good as it is for the good of others. Consider it a form of quarantine that will prevent the spread of the behavioral "virus" that is infecting your stepson. Little does he realize — and any attempt to get this through to him will fall on deaf ears — that if he does not do some serious soul-searching during the next couple of years, he probably is headed for a far longer and bleaker quarantine.

Your husband is well-intentioned, I'm sure, but perhaps a textbook example of the guilty divorced dad who unwittingly becomes an enabler where his children are concerned.

JOHN ROSEMOND is a family psychologist. Questions: www.rosemond.com.

Headed for baldness?

Over-the-counter products may provide some help

BY KATIE LONG
The Dominion Post

Losing one's hair can be a difficult transition for some men. Others just let it go gracefully. But what causes male pattern baldness and can it be prevented?

Dr. Michael Maroon, a family medicine doctor with WVU Hospitals, said there are three major factors involved in male pattern baldness: the level of male hormones present in the system, age and genetics.

Men with higher levels of testosterone may be more prone to lose their hair, said Maroon. The chance of going bald increases with age.

Though many people believe that one's likelihood of going bald is determined by the mother's side of the family, this may not necessarily be true, Maroon said. "Baldness is thought to be a dominant trait in men, a recessive trait in women," Maroon said. "So a man may need to get the gene from just one side of the family — his mother's or his father's. But for women to go bald, they must get the gene from both sides of the family."

Known clinically as intergenic alopecia, male pattern baldness generally starts gradually, Maroon said. Rather than noticing clumps of hair falling from their heads, men are more likely to

notice that their thicker, darker hair seems to be thinning, and being replaced by finer, shorter, more fragile hair.

"Then, eventually, that thinner, finer hair will disappear and the head will be smooth," he said.

There are three typical patterns for hair loss. Hair may start thinning at the temples, moving back, forming a sort of widow's peak. Other men may experience hair loss from the front of the head back, creating a horseshoe shape. And others will notice the hair thinning first at the crown, in the back.

As of now, only two products have been proven to regrow hair, said Maroon — Minoxodil, the active ingredient in Rogaine, a topical solution; and Propecia, which comes in the form of a tablet.

Maroon said Minoxodil was first used as a blood pressure medication and that it most likely works as a topical hair-loss prevention treatment by dilating the blood vessels in the scalp, allowing for renewed hair growth.

Rogaine indicates that about six percent of users may experience some scalp irritation. If this occurs, manufacturer Pfizer recommends wash-

ing

with a gentle shampoo. Rogaine is available over the counter at about \$25 for a month's supply. There are formulas for men and for women. The makers of Rogaine recommend that one begin using the product at the first sign of hair loss for best results.

Propecia works by blocking the action of testosterone, which can cause hair loss. Because of this, Propecia may have sexual side effects, such as decreased libido, difficulty achieving and maintaining an erection and a decrease in the amount of semen produced. Information provided by Merck, manufacturer of Propecia, indicates that less than two percent of men reported experiencing these side effects. Other side effects reported were allergic reactions including rash, itching and hives around the lips and face; problems with ejaculation, breast tenderness and enlargement, and testicular pain.

Propecia is for the treatment of male pattern baldness in *men only* and should not be taken by women or children.

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PATTERNS OF LOSS

There are three typical patterns for hair loss.



Hair may start thinning at the temples, moving back, forming a sort of widow's peak.



Other men may experience hair loss from the front of the head, back, creating a horseshoe shape.



And others will notice the hair thinning first at the crown, in the back.

Family finds a home, friends in Habitat house

THIS IS THE FIFTH in a series of articles leading up to the Aug. 28 Mon County Habitat for Humanity Sprint, Splash 'n Spin triathlon. Info: www.sprintsplashspin.com. Volunteer: wilkin@mail.wvnet.edu.

BY KATIE LONG
The Dominion Post

With the recent concentration on the upcoming Mon County Habitat for Humanity Sprint, Splash 'n Spin triathlon, it can be easy to forget the faces behind the fund-raiser.

Sprint, Splash 'n Spin can be a terrific way for athletes to prove their mettle — or even for families to simply spend some time together outdoors.

But it's the families who need Habitat — who need the funds the triathlon will raise — who are the real reason for the event.

Families like Janice, Carl and John Straub.

The Straubs new Habitat home is being built on Jersey Avenue, along with seven others. It should be ready for them to move in by the end of this year, Janice Straub said.

The Straubs first became acquainted with Habitat after a fellow churchgoer suggested they may qualify for a Habitat house. Janice filled out some forms and the Straub family was one step closer to owning a home.

They now live in Viewcrest Mobile Home Park in the Bertha Hill area.

The Straubs' home is being constructed specifically for the Straubs — Janice must use a walker to get around, so the house is completely handicapped accessible.

"It's just really amazing," said Janice, who admits to knowing nothing about Habitat before her involvement. "It's really well worth the sweat equity hours we've put in."

Carl helps the builders at least once or twice a week and Janice volunteers for various Habitat and United Way fund-raisers.

Janice said one advantage of helping build

one's own house is the demystification of its internal workings.

"We worked on the house so we see how the house is built and then we know how to fix it if something goes wrong," she explained.

Though it was a while before Janice was able actually enter the home — her disability precluded her from checking it out in the early phases because the terrain was too rough for her walker — she said it was absolutely worth the wait.

"When I went in for the first time I was just floored," she said. "I was just so excited to see how much had gone into it. It's just so wonderful."

Janice said she and her family are looking forward to moving out of the mobile home and out of the park.

"There are so many people, I just can't thank them enough," she said. "You just have to be there to see how much love is there. I

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Submitted Photo
Carl (left), Janice and John Straub stand outside their Habitat for Humanity home, now under construction.

How can an older person's driving be made safer?

Q. My mother has driven most of her 79 years. She can see okay, but she has given up driving at night. However, she recently had an expensive scrape in a parking lot, which worried her greatly. What can she (or I) do to make her driving safer?

A. Driving in West Virginia is hazardous. As in any rural state, public transportation is hard to find. Understandably, many West Virginia seniors are unwilling to stop driving because it means a loss of freedom.

There are people in our state who feel that it is fine to run red lights, cross the double yellow line while cutting corners and pull through or into the stream of traffic, even when other drivers have to brake sharply as a result. We all need to be ready for such illegal foolishness.

Because of all this, and the changes commonly associated with aging, older drivers must take certain precautions.

- Avoid driving after dark and at dusk. Most elders have trouble with night vision and their eyes are easily dazzled. Depth perception gets worse at night as we age.

- Drive on quieter, preferably familiar roads.

- Don't undertake long drives at all; fatigue will impair driving.

- Avoid freeways; the permitted speeds mandate rapid responses. Drivers can pass on both sides, which is confusing, especially if peripheral vision is limited. Speeding vehicles are a danger to everyone.

- Never turn left from the middle lane through the stream of oncoming traffic, even if there appears to be a gap. Wait until the oncoming lane is completely clear. Sideswipes are all too common.

- Even if your neck is stiff, and you can't turn it, position yourself so that you can and do look before backing out of a parking spot or pulling into the stream of traffic. Using only your mirrors in such situations is a very dangerous practice, as there are always blind spots. You need to know where the blind spots are in your own vehicle.

- Try not to drive alone; a co-driver is an extra pair of eyes and ears.

- Keep the car quiet inside — no loud radio or fan; sometimes you need to hear as well as see.

- Never give rides to babies or children. They are inevitably a distraction; imagine feeling even partially responsible for the

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Dr. Richard Ham

injury or worse of a grandchild.

- Never drive if you don't feel well or are tired. The aging brain is much more vulnerable than the young, and just doesn't function as fast when you are under the weather.

- Check the position of the steering wheel, the seat and the pedals. It is dangerous if moving your foot to the brake is awkward. You should not be straining to look over the top of the steering wheel.

- Enroll in the AARP Driver Safety Program — (888) 227-7669 — or a similar course. It could reduce your insurance.

- If family members are concerned about driving safety, or if you are, ask a driver friend or relative to be a front-seat passenger. Have them look critically at your safety and responsiveness. If your co-driver doesn't feel safe, then the driving is probably not safe. The co-driver should watch for any tendency, especially if you were taught to drive using a manual transmission, to use both feet on the pedals, i.e. left foot on the brake, right foot on the gas. This is a recipe for disaster.

People usually drive best in a familiar car, so I don't recommend changing vehicles. But if you must, ensure that you can get in and out easily, that you can learn the new positions for the controls and get one with plenty of airbags. Older people are much more seriously injured in auto accidents than younger adults. Even being rear-ended can shake the elderly brain enough to cause lasting damage.

All of us should be driving on full alert at all times, ready for someone else's foolishness, and ready for someone who may not see us coming. We need to advocate for better lighting and signage, particularly at intersections and highway junctions, and for improvements in public and volunteer transportation programs.

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Parental guilt may postpone rehab

Don't let feelings of failure cloud the real issue

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Does your teenager or adult child need help concerning problems with drugs or alcohol?

Maybe you realize the problem is clearly out of control. You know your child needs help from a counselor.

Or, you might be convinced your child needs a stay in a drug rehabilitation center.

Yet, you don't push the issue. When you pick up the phone to call for help, you freeze.

You've even rehearsed a formal "intervention" to boldly confront your child. But, you keep putting it off. Sound familiar?

If you're failing to call for help, consider this: You might have some guilt issues holding you back.

For example, do you fear encouraging your child to see a counselor, because you're scared you've contributed to his or her problems?

Do you worry that your divorce, bad temper, or interest in a weird religion might have caused your child to turn to chemicals for comfort? Will your child or the counselor point a finger at you?

If that's the case, face up and go to counseling with your child anyway.

If you need to do a formal intervention, call in your other family members and confront your addicted child about his issues.

Every good parent has made hundreds of parenting mistakes. You're not the first parent to get divorced, have a bad temper or try out an unusual religion.

"I see frightened parents coming into my office all of the time," says a counselor we'll call Seth. "They fear my judgment of them. So, it's taken them five or six years to get here! When all is said and done, their child would have been thrilled to have been here sooner. Mom or Dad didn't push hard enough."

Seth goes on to say that bad parenting, a divorce, or other problems don't necessarily cause any individual to use drugs.

"A person can be born with certain addiction tendencies," Seth explains. "Genetics play a part. Personality does, too. For instance, I find that gentle, sweet people often turn to drugs and alcohol. If they were tough types, they could have managed their issues without numbing the pain."

But, Seth emphasizes, parents can be the ticket to healing.

"Even 40-year-old adult children need their parents to come into counseling and be part of the heal-

If your child needs professional help, consider these truths:

- Every family has challenges. If a drug problem happens to be your family's challenge, don't be ashamed of it. Face it squarely and deal with it.

- Attack problems, not individuals. Tell your son or daughter, "I want to attack this issue. I don't want to attack you for having this problem. I want you to be free of this problem."

- Educate yourself. Read up on how chemicals gain control of individuals. Meet with counselors who can help you understand what's truly going on.

- Set boundaries. Give yourself and your child time frames for seeking help and working on the issues. Don't allow more time to slide by while your child's life is going down the tubes.

Experts say that parents must protect themselves, however, in the drug recovery process. They must define how they can help. They must also define what is not possible to accomplish.

"Your child's recovery is largely up to him or her," says a recovering alcoholic we'll call Faith. "I'm 30 and old enough to decide that I want to be sober and happy."

"I have faltered at times," she explains, "Through it all, my parents encouraged me, but they could not do the recovery work for me."

Still, parents are a huge part of the healing picture, according to Faith.

"If parents go to counseling with you, you don't feel so awful and alone," she concludes.

Every good parent has made parenting mistakes. You're not the first parent to get divorced, have a bad temper or try out an unusual religion.

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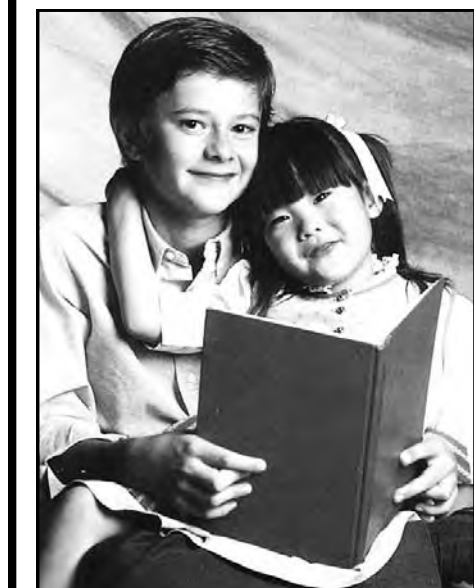
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Unveiling of gravestone gives close to mourning

Tribune Media Services
Q: Recently, I was invited to a Jewish ceremony called an unveiling (as I understand it, the unveiling of the gravestone some time after death, in this case about 11 months). What is the meaning and purpose of this ceremony, what is the official name, and what is the origin in other religions? — Anonymous, via e-mail



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A: The placing of a headstone on a grave goes back to the death of Rachel on the road to Bethlehem. Her husband, Jacob, set a stone (in Hebrew it is called a matzevah) on her grave (see Gen. 35:20). Rachel's tomb remains an important holy site for Jews today. Even though the setting of a headstone goes back to the Hebrew Bible, the actual rituals and customs governing its dedication are not as old and vary considerably among different Jewish communities. Some put pictures on the stone, while others don't. Some write long or personal tributes on the stone, while others include nothing but the name and

date of death.

The general custom for unveilings in America for Jews of European origin is to wait until the end of the year of mourning. (Actually, it's not a year but 11 months and one day.) If this puts the unveiling in the winter, it can be scheduled earlier but it is not generally moved later.

Almost all religions except Islam mark the one-year anniversary of a death with some kind of ritual observance at the grave, though in many cases the stone is placed well before the end of the first year. At the unveiling, there are no fixed or required rituals, but usually the stone is covered with a veil that is removed at the moment of dedication by the mourners.

To be a mourner in Jewish law, the deceased person must be

your father, mother, sister, brother, son, daughter or spouse. Prayers are said and then everyone in attendance places a little stone on the headstone as a sign of love and respect. There is a deep spiritual need to touch something that touches something that touches the remains of the one you loved. Placing a stone accomplishes that sacred act of touching.

One of the most unusual but in our opinion satisfying customs at an unveiling is to bring honey cake and wine to the cemetery and have some right at the grave after the unveiling. Normally, it's forbidden to eat anything in a cemetery, but in this case, the sweet wine and cake are a sign that the bitter year of mourning is over and the family is required to try to embrace the sweetness of life again.

Many families wait until they get home or arrive at another sacred place — the diner — to have something sweet. The unveiling is actually a perfect example of how Judaism uses rituals and customs to teach a deep life lesson.

At every happy Jewish occa-

sion there is some ritual showing loss and sadness. For example, at the happy time of a wedding a glass is broken, which is a small loss. Conversely, at every sad Jewish ritual there is included something sweet, thus the honey cake on the day of an unveiling.

This spiritual balance is a central teaching of Judaism: Nothing is ever as good as it seems and nothing is ever as bad as it seems. Until the coming of the Messiah (or, for those who are Christian, the return of the Messiah), all our joys must be tempered by our wounded world, and yet even our worst losses must also be tempered by the knowledge that God is always with us.

Q: My wife just lost her job, and to make herself feel better, she's been going shopping. We're now thousands of dollars in debt. My wife tells me she just wants everything to look nice. I could live with a little less nice and a lot less debt. Can you suggest some things she could do to feel good without spending money we don't have? — T., Selden, N.Y.

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A: The trauma of losing a job, you can lovingly explain to your wife, is surely a shock to the soul and the budget, but it's not the worst shock. Far worse is the failure to remember that our net worth has nothing to do with our self worth.

Tell her that everything will work out fine and then take her in your arms, kiss her gently and lovingly and then whisper in her ear, "Honey, I just cancelled all the credit cards."

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If your progress has not been satisfactory to you, today is the day to take the time to establish new goals and objectives that you can reach. Aim high and strive to be more ambitious.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your possibilities to be more successful in the immediate future can be considerably enhanced today if you take the time to study your past mistakes at this time to see where you went wrong.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your financial affairs should be able to begin to take a turn for the better as of today. However, you must proceed prudently if you want to achieve and maintain solvency.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Agreements into which you enter today can prove to be advantageous for all con-

cerned. It is one of those days where people in general are willing to be cooperative and give instead of only take.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although it might have been slow in coming, new ways may develop that would enable you to increase your income today from something in which you're now involved. Look for the signals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — No matter how much you enjoy your easy chair and television, a change of venue today would do you a world of good. Get out in the fresh air and do something fun with your friends and/or family.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This could be a day where both endings and fresh beginnings can occur. Something that has been a drag on your life may be terminated today as your interest shifts to a productive activity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Even though you may be eager to discuss some new plans you're formulating with friends today, it might be wise to keep them to yourself until they can be successfully launched.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be more positive regarding matters that could affect your material security. Starting today a financial upturn is now possible and by keeping the right attitude it could speed things along.

Spirit

Spiritual books boom

BY KRISTIN E. HOLMES
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — The search for Christian publications in tiny, out-of-the-way religious bookstores is long over. Today, that hot new read everyone is talking about may very well be a religious book stacked on the shelves of your local Barnes & Noble.

As publishing groups and research firms examine sales statistics for 2003, it's clear that religion and spirituality books emerged as retail powerhouses.

The No. 1 nonfiction book in 2003 was Pastor Rick Warren's "The Purpose-Driven Life," according to the Book Industry Study Group. The self-help guide has sold 17 million copies.

Top sellers on the fiction side include "The Da Vinci Code," "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," and "Armageddon," all titles with a spiritual bent.

"What we are looking at is unquestionably religious books becoming mainstream," said Albert N. Greco, the study group's statistician and a professor at Fordham University. "They are so hot that big chains like Barnes & Noble and mass merchandisers such as Walmart are allocating more space."

Last month, the Association of American Publishers released its 2003 statistics, showing religious books generating sales of \$337.9 million, up 36.9 percent from 2002. The category includes Bibles, hymnals and self-help titles, but it is religious fiction that is driving the surge in sales, Greco said.

The Left Behind series written by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye is a big reason for the increase, Greco added. "Glorious Appearing," the most recent book in the series, which chronicles Jesus Christ's return to Earth, was on the *New York Times* best-seller list earlier this month. The series' previous 11 volumes have sold more than 40 million copies.

Industry experts point to the aging baby-boomer population's search for spiritual peace and security and the destabilizing effects of the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon as prime reasons for the rising popularity of religious books.

"They enrich my life and let me know that God loves me," Rose Marie Jenkins said of the armful of books she carried last week through the aisles of the Son Shine Christian Bookstore in Moorestown, N.J.

Jenkins, 58, of Delran, N.J., balanced a pile that included "The Bible for Dummies" and "Refined by Fire." Lt. Col. Brian Birdwell's story of how his faith carried him through the ordeal of being severely burned on Sept. 11, 2001, when a plane crashed into the Pentagon.

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When it's time for these parties, just stay home

IF YOU seriously want to learn more about Cuddle Parties, log on to www.cuddleparty.com.

I HAVE RECENTLY come across something so disturbing, so perverse, so baffling that I can't believe it. A trend that's growing in New York, and as New York trends tend to, spreading outward — kind of like a nasty rash.

Cuddle Parties.

Just to type it causes me to cringe. I mean, really. Cuddle Parties? Call me crazy, but I thought the '70s were over.

For those of you who haven't heard of this phenomenon, a Cuddle Party is described by its creators, relationship coaches REiD MiHALKO (yes, little i's and the rest caps, I wouldn't lie to you) and Marcia Bacsynski as "an event for adults to get together and explore affectionate touch and communication without it becoming sexualized."

If you didn't hate them enough based on that sentence alone, the pair refer to themselves as "the founders of the Flannel Revolution."

"In today's world, most of us aren't getting our Recommended Daily Allowance of Welcomed Touch," the couple writes on their site, www.cuddleparty.com. "Cuddle Parties seek to change that in a way that's conscious, healthy and nutritious."

I just gagged.

Granted, I am not exactly a "cuddly" person. My friends know hugs are reserved for weddings and funerals only. But even to people less fascist about their personal space, the concept of grown men and women gathering to hang out in pajamas and spoon each other has got to seem at least a little weird.

Just in case you're oddly into it, here's the deal: Open Cuddle Parties are held nearly every Sunday and Thursday in New York City at REiD and Marcia's digs. But you must first reserve yourself a space — apparently there are a lot of cuddle-deprived individuals out there, just waiting to reap their US RDA of snuggles from a roomful of complete strangers. To do so, you can reach these Flannel revolutionaries at info@cuddleparty.com or by calling (212) 737-6368.

If you don't want to drive all the way to the Big Apple for your big cuddle, contact REiD and Marcia and let them know you'd like to throw a private party — they have pajamas, and they will travel.

You can even train to become a Cuddle Lifeguard or a Cuddle Caddy yourself. By holding these esteemed titles, you too will be qualified to oversee a Cuddle Party, ruling over your jammy-clad guests with an iron teddy bear.

Each Cuddle Party (henceforth to be known as C.P. as I simply cannot stand to type those ridiculous words once more) opens with a Welcome Circle, in which each Cuddle Monster (yes, "Cuddle Monster." I am in every way incapable of making this kind of terminology up) establishes his or her "Safe Space" rules through a series of "outrageously silly and powerful exercises."

It is then up to the Cuddle Lifeguard On Duty and the Cuddle Caddy to make sure that all Cuddle Monsters obey the hard and fast C.P. rules. As there are 16 of them, I haven't the space here to mention them all. Suffice to say there is no sex allowed, Monsters must maintain fully-jammied status throughout and one must ask permission before nuzzling any fellow Monsters. No alcohol is allowed (which, in my opinion is the craziest rule, as the inclusion of alcohol consumption is the only excuse for this type of thing) and one must be "hygienically savvy."

I would assume this final rule is to avoid spreading any type of icky rash among Cuddle Monster society.

If only REiD and Marcia would have had the same consideration for the rest of the world, and kept their Revolution — and their C.P.s — to themselves.

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BY KATIE LONG
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While most teenagers are busy spending their summers hanging out at the pool, vacationing with their families or earning a little extra spending money, Shane Cebulak and Kelsie Watson are busy raising livestock.

Cebulak, 16, is a member of 4-H; Watson, 14, of Future Farmers of America. Both are heavily involved in the raising of and caring for farm animals, which they eventually show and sell at auction.

The two are priming for the 26th annual FFA & 4-H Livestock Show & Sale in Wadestown Saturday.

Watson said she first became involved with FFA in the seventh grade after attending a meeting at her school, Clay-Battelle. Since then she's raised cattle, sheep and pigs.

Cebulak got his first taste of 4-H after his brother enrolled. The program appealed to him instantly and he's been doing it since. That was seven years ago.

One quick conversation with these two and it's apparent that they know their stuff — their references to farming are full of lingo, complicated explanations and scientific study.

Cebulak has shown it all, but sticks mainly with cattle. He's shown feeder calves, market steers and big heifers. At 1,210 pounds, his most recent heifer, Shamrock's Haleigh (known as Haleigh Ann at home), was recently named the Supreme Champion Heifer out of 113 heifers in West Virginia, said Cebulak's mother, Monica Cebulak.

Raising an animal is hard work, Cebulak and Watson agreed. On school days, Cebulak wakes up at 5:30 a.m. to feed the herd, clean out the barn and exercise the animals. As soon as he comes home from school, he starts all over again, feeding, walking and bathing and grooming the animals.

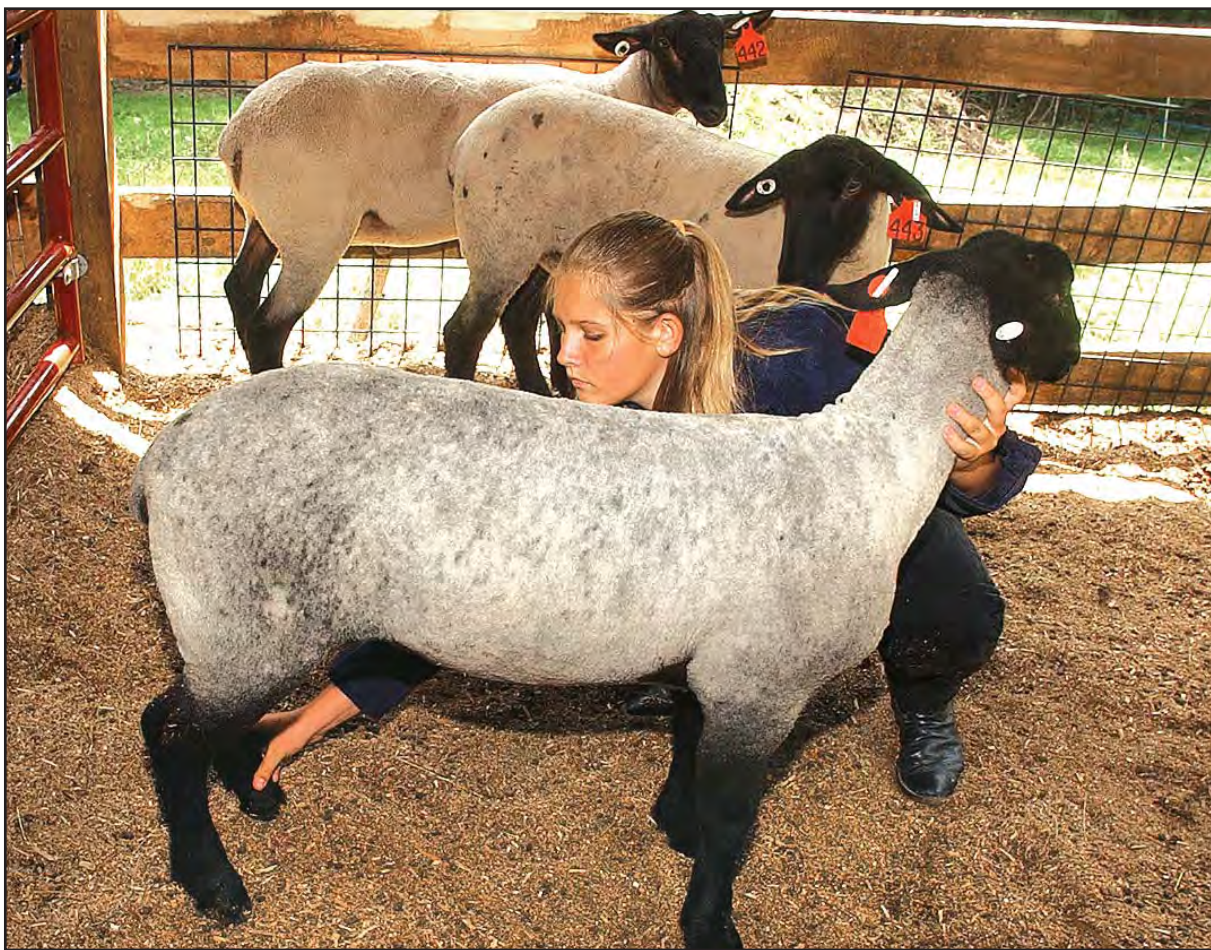
Watson said she concentrates mainly on summer animals, so that she doesn't have the extra responsibilities during the school year. But for both teens, vacations have become a thing of the past — unless, of course, a show is involved.

Cebulak has been all over Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia — even as far as Niagara Falls — with his cattle. Watson has shown her lambs and pigs all over the county.

Shows are the high point, the reason for the toil, the two said. During a show, the livestock are evaluated by judges, who look for different traits, depending on the animal. Cattle are judged on muscle mass, length and depth, Cebu-

It's show time!

Livestock sale set for Wadestown Fairgrounds



Kelsie Watson (top photo, left), 14, a Future Farmers of America member, helps Shane Cebulak, 16, a 4-H member groom a feeder calf named Tobasco. Both teens raise, show and sell animals through their programs. Shane Cebulak (left photo) leads one of

his cattle by a harness, demonstrating how he would lead the animal around the ring. Kelsie Watson (above) positions a lamb in the same way she would at a livestock show. Watson raises mainly summer animals: lambs, pigs and calves.

lak explained. Watson said pigs are generally judged by their length and the size of the hams on the pig.

The key to raising a champion is part breeding, part money, time and feed, they said.

Both teens feel an affinity to farming and expect it will play a supporting role in their futures. Cebulak plans on becoming a lawyer "who farms on the side." Watson has dreams of becoming a large animal veterinarian. She will most likely set up practice on her grandfather's farm, where she and her family now live.

While Cebulak said he enjoys the challenge of raising livestock, as well as the competitive aspect of the shows, Watson participates mostly because of her love for animals.

"I just like being around the animals," she said. "I've always loved animals."

So how does she manage to remain unattached, to watch the animal sold — sometimes for slaughter?

"You go to the truck and you sit there," she said.

"We've told her, 'If you have to go to the truck and cry, then go to the truck and cry,'" said her mother, Rita. "I think it's harder for the girls, they seem to get attached more."

Cebulak said he doesn't get attached to the animals "because

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ERIC EDWARDS
THE SINGLE GUY

Weekends are key to fanatic of pro football

AS A DESIGN editor at a daily newspaper, I've always worked a schedule that has been something of a train wreck. When I started my career, I could count on working nights, weekends, holidays, elections, disasters and girlfriends' birthdays.

In time, I was able to develop a little seniority, and slowly the days off started improving. Before long, I was getting shifts that lasted until 11 p.m. instead of 2 a.m.

An offbeat workweek adds a level of difficulty to dating. My friend Matt always says that about the only people who keep the same hours I do are bartenders.

So sure enough, I started dating one.

These days, my schedule is about as close to being ordinary as I can expect without changing time zones or careers — or pretending to be a full-time columnist. This is of particular importance as the football season starts revving up.

In the past, I could count on grumbling quietly as I trod into the office on Sunday evenings with only the hope of checking my fantasy football scores to keep me involved in the game at all.

Now that I have won the journalistic lottery of getting weekends off, I can look forward to five months of Sundays parked in front of a sports bar's big-screen television screaming at Dennis Erickson as he leads the San Francisco 49ers to possibly the worst professional football season ever.

But I don't really care.

I guess I'd rather watch my football team play badly than not watch football at all.

Not that it's all about the football. I have learned that former Chicago White Sox catcher Ron Karkovics, who runs a place called Ronnie's Big League Deli on Michigan Street in Orlando, is opening a full-fledged sports bar two blocks from my house in time for the start of football season.

The prospect of a Sunday filled with Buffalo wings, cold beer and every NFL game possible playing on a bunch of TVs is about as delicious a proposition as I can imagine.

I have been spending the past few Sundays getting reacquainted with going out on the Sabbath so that I won't be out of shape when the season finally arrives. But it's not the same. The TV screens are showing golf or men's soccer, and the seats at the sports bars are all but empty.

The coming of football season also means the coming of compromise. For a man who has a woman in his life, the ability to spend a whole day watching gridiron action is predicated upon his ability to take the woman out for a nice evening the Saturday before. And that only really works for guys who aren't also huge college-football fans.

I'm fortunate on two fronts.

1) Because I didn't go to a college with a football program and I'm not a huge gambler, college ball means very little to me.

2) My girl works on Sundays. That is the perfect balance of face time versus game time. When the games I don't care about are airing, I can be sitting at an Italian restaurant staring deeply into her eyes without her worrying that I am merely trying to see the reflection of the score.

And when she is toiling away at work, I will be screaming at the top of my lungs at Pittsburgh Steelers fans because they deserve it.

When I was a child and the end of summer meant the end of recreation, football did little to comfort me as I headed back to school.

But now that I have a job and will no doubt be working 40 hours a week for the rest of my life, it's the little things that bring me joy — fantasy leagues, jalapeno poppers, pitchers of cold beer and long Sunday afternoons spent relaxing beneath the warming glow of a hundred football-laden television screens.

ERIC EDWARDS, who would give up watching football if he could have summers off, writes for The Orlando Sentinel. E-mail eedwards@orlandosentinel.com.



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JEFF STEWART

Realtors give back to the community

It's BEEN A YEAR NOW since I first started writing real estate-related columns for *The Dominion Post*, and it has been fun as I have represented the Morgantown Board of Realtors.

At the outset, I said our Realtors are concerned about giving back to our community. We succeeded this year in a number of respects:

First and foremost, with the guidance of Jo Ann Welton, every real estate company took a turn in serving lunch to the needy one Saturday each month at a local church (Trinity Episcopal on Willey St.).

Secondly, we set up a monthly raffle at our board meetings so that we could give to two local charities — Bartlett House (homeless shelter) and Habitat for Humanity. We were successful in this endeavor, too.

We also had a raffle at Christmas time when we bid on a number of items at our holiday luncheon. This effort was so successful, we raised \$1,500, which was given to Bartlett House and Habitat for Humanity.

Many Realtors also worked individually in the community with such organizations as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, United Way and other organizations. Moreover, some staged an event to raise funds for scholarships for college-bound youths.

In addition, many of us worked in teams of two to deliver Christmas baskets prepared by In Touch and Concerned for the needy.

So, giving back to our community was a primary goal of the Morgantown Board of Realtors, and I am sure this will continue as a goal of our group.

Leadership of the Realtors passed to Ted Walton a few days ago when we held our annual banquet and installed new officers. You will be hearing from Ted in the weeks ahead.

It's time for me to bow out as your weekly columnist. For those readers who were kind enough to thank me from time to time for the information I provided on real estate, I thank you. I hope the information I provided was useful to a number of you. And, as Bob Hope might have said: "Thanks for the memories."

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Commercial and fine art **blend**

Le Batard's bright cartoon art featured all over the world

BY CHARLYNE VARKONYI SCHAUB
South Florida Sun-Sentinel (KRT)

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — David "Lebo" Le Batard was working in Europe recently on a mosaic tile project when he woke up one morning and psychologically pinched himself. "Hey, I'm an artist and working in Venice," he said in one of those reality vs. fantasy moments.

No one who knows him would be surprised. They describe him as unpretentious with a subtle wit and charming personality. No doubt. He comes off as a regular guy. Deep six the haughty artiste demeanor. This rising star even makes breakfast for his interviewer — sliced watermelon, toast with hummus and orange juice.

Despite this down-to-earth persona, at 31, the charming dark-eyed, dark-haired Le Batard is almost an institution in the art world.

This Cuban-American artist's paintings were used as a central image for the 2003 Latin Grammys. He has painted murals across the country — for Calle Ocho in Miami's Little Havana, for Tee-Eva's Creole Soul Food restaurant in New Orleans and for Hart Plaza in Detroit. He's done CD covers for the Spam Allstars and children's mannequins with Ralph Pucci of Pucci International for Burdines. He's even created stained glass designs for Dolphins running back Ricky Williams.

Le Batard's signature cartoon style, typically bright colors accented by black lines, might seem like an unlikely look for high-end interior design, but this creative chameleon has been able to adapt it to everything from fabric to domino tables.

The black lines may be gone, but the look is distinctively Lebo. What remains is the color and simplified, flat geometric form of animators he admired such as Mary Blair. Other inspiration comes from the black-and-white work of the late Cuban cartoonist Antonio Prohias of Miami-Dade County, who created *Spy Vs Spy* for *Mad* magazine.

"Painting, as much as I enjoy it, is the kernel of what I do," Le Batard said in an interview in his Pembroke Pines home, a gallery for his art such as Tito's Tiki Shack, which shows a pianist and saxophone player in a tiki bar. The decor, however, is more bachelor pad than artist's loft. The great room is dominated by a large pool table. At the other end of the room is a bar/blackjack table with a black leather loveseat nearby.

"Painting is not the only thing I want to be doing. Arranging objects in space is art to me. Fabric was one of the things I wanted to do, stained glass was another."

He never considered designing tile, but the opportunity just happened. Marcello Becchi, marketing director for Trend of Italy knew Le Batard's work, but he didn't know how to get in touch with him until a mutual



KRT Photos



David "Lebo" Le Batard (left) has a signature cartoon style, with bright colors accented by black lines which he has adapted to everything from fabric to domino tables (above).

friend introduced them.

"What attracted me to David and the way he paints is that he uses basic color," Becchi said. "I also was attracted by the way he painted cartoon art. I grew up watching Japanese cartoon art on television and thought his work would be a good fit with the product we produce."

Of course, Le Batard was savvy enough to know a literal cartoon look wouldn't fly at the middle-high to high-end priced tile. Becchi, who describes Le Batard as bright, fast and a quick learner, said the artist adapted his designs to the material. In this case, the mosaic tile is a composite of 93 percent glass and 7 percent resin. The designs will be made in "carpets" of 4-by-10 feet, inserts of 12-by-12 inches or borders that are 6 or 8 inches long.

"If you look at it, there is a very pure geometric element," Le Batard said, noting he got his inspiration from petri dishes. "I try to study things that are classically composed and to me that is God's composition. Why not learn from it and adapt it to what you are doing?"

The mosaic line will debut in October at the Cersaie, a show in Bologna, Italy, that introduces ceramics for the building industry. Afterwards it will be available at Coverings in the Miami Design Center, according to Becchi.

Le Batard also translated his same flat style and cheerful colors to a line of 100 percent cotton fabric for the J Batchelor showroom in the Design Center of the Americas in Dania Beach.

"The timing is perfect," according to owner Joseph Batchelor. "The economy is on the way up and these are very happy prints."

The happy prints are a large scale with a vertical repeat that is a little over 2 yards. The names are sassy and so is the look. Sunshine Pick Up Sticks (Coco Pop Version) looks like slices of citrus separated by vertical lines. Salty Blue Whirl Pools in a Tropical Constellation (Sunshine State Version) features scallop shapes as whirlpools.

Batchelor said he selected Le Batard to do a fabric line because of his vibrant personality and high energy. He describes the designs as

'Lebo' sightings

Chances are good you know David "Lebo" Le Batard's work better than you know his name. Here are some of the commissions he has done:

- Florida**
- Bee Line in Space at The Shoppes at Mayfair, Coconut Grove, Fla.
 - Mannequin Design with Pucci International for children's department at Burdines (before it merged names with sibling Macy's). He also designed the atrium at the Town Center in Boca Raton, Fla., the cosmetics department at Wellington Green in Wellington, Fla., the children's department at Aventura Mall in Aventura, Fla., and at The Falls in Miami
 - Casablanca mural on Calle Ocho in Miami, recently seen in "CSI: Miami"
 - The now-defunct Liquid night club interior mural in Miami Beach
 - S.O.S. on Swing Street in downtown Miami
- Elsewhere**
- Ernie-K Doe's Mother-in-Law exterior mural, New Orleans
 - Hart Plaza exterior mural, downtown Detroit
 - Juvenile Courthouse mural, New Orleans
 - Tee-Eva's Creole Soul Food restaurant exterior mural, New Orleans
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fresh, new and sexy. "There's something very alive about it, something very 21st century about his art and fabric," Batchelor said. "We need to move on. We need to remember the past and we need to continue on and find the artisans that can bring us through the 21st century. We need new designers or we look, old, stodgy and out-of-date."

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A Cheat Lake Secret! View those WV mountains from this open and airy contemporary home! The gourmet kitchen opens into a vaulted great room with fireplace. Private master suite with sitting area, multiple decks, in ground swimming pool and basketball court. Abundant storage, full basement and much more. See this Cheat Lake secret today!



143 Lamplighter Drive \$297,000
Wonderful 4 bedroom 3.5 bath home in relaxing Greentree Village with oak flooring, cabinets and railings throughout home. Interior features a fantastic finished basement and spacious deck. Additional lot available for \$25,000



4 Chickadee Lane \$325,000
Beautiful views await you in this 4 bedroom, 4 bath contemporary located on a 1.34 acre lot. Two stone fireplaces, hardwood floors and over 3500 square feet of upgrades.



73 Quail Road \$262,500
This 3 bedroom cedar and stone ranch in Hickory Ridge features cathedral ceilings, open floor plan, large eat-in kitchen master bath with Jacuzzi tub and a full unfinished walkout basement. All situated on a private 2.60 acre lot!



3 Cedarwood Drive \$255,000
Enjoy mountain views and sunsets from the large deck of this 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. New upgrades include hardwood floors throughout the entire upstairs, ceramic in baths and new heating and cooling systems. Beautifully landscaped, conveniently located and lovingly cared for.



237 Lions Avenue \$248,000
Beautiful 3 bedroom home located on a double lot in the heart of Suncrest. Fully renovated interior, hardwood floors, fenced in yard - move in condition!



3654 Grafton Road \$225,000
This well maintained cottage is situated on 8+ acres and overlooks the beautiful countryside. Offering 3 bedrooms, sunroom and patio - yet just minutes from town.



220 September Drive \$204,000
New construction featuring spacious rooms, extra large master bedroom, full unfinished walk out basement, two covered decks and a flat yard.



128 Pounds Hollow \$179,900
Ranch style home located in Cheat Lake features open living area with 3 bedrooms and two full baths. Finished lower level has a family room with fireplace, 4th bedroom and bathroom. Bright interior with skylights and many windows to enjoy the serene setting. Multiple decks provide outdoor entertaining options, a must to see!



370 March Lane \$187,000
Quality built 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home at Four Seasons. Many extras including two decks, formal dining room second floor laundry and more!



5014 Arbogast \$159,000
This 4 bedroom, 3 bath home has had many upgrades including windows, siding, roof, heating system and appliances. Enjoy the 1 acre park like setting just minutes from the I-79/68 Exchange and Morgantown.



44 Harrison Street \$144,900
Large home situated on 3 city lots, addition in 1990 provides perfect in-laws suite or rental possibilities with central air and private entrance. Great home to live in one side and rent the other for additional income.



925 Ashton Place \$142,900
Spacious 2 bedroom townhome is currently under construction at Ashton Place. Eat-in kitchen, 1 car garage, formal living and dining area and cozy fireplace. Lower level family room with walk-out to the patio, perfect for barbecues!



1140 Sabraton Avenue \$119,500
Convenient, low maintenance best describes this 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath ranch with a nice open floor plan! Huge finished basement is perfect for a rec or family room.



627 South Pierpont \$99,900
You must see this charming renovated farmhouse with 3 bedrooms, new siding, windows, roof, kitchen and bath all situated on a .59 acre parcel.



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South Park



Elegant 2½-story traditional historic South Park home. This lovely Colonial-style home offers 6 BRs, 3½ baths, a grand staircase and hardwood flooring, fireplaces in LR, FR and MBR. Handsome brick exterior with private back patio.

\$444,000

Bakers Ridge



Stately 2-story brick home. 1.6 acres. Quality 5 BR, 5 BA property. FR w/FP, many recent improvements and upgrades to the floors, cabinets & kitchen, plus a 3-car garage are but a few of the many pluses.

\$599,000

Brandywine Estates



This two-story cedar home is immaculate with a newly-painted interior. It features a wraparound deck with private backyard and four spacious bedrooms, including two master suites. The large eat-in kitchen features hardwood flooring and abundant storage and closet space add to the versatility of this home. Availability immediately.

\$254,000

Westbrook Heights



Bright and air contemporary ranch-style home, this well-maintained home includes vaulted ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large family room, sunny back deck.

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Imperial Woods



Spectacular contemporary home offers plenty of privacy and space, included are 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, lovely kitchen, great room w/ fireplace, a game room w/lots of natural lighting, over 2½ acres surround the deck and patio areas.

\$347,000

Suncrest



Delightful 4 bedroom Cape Cod located on a well-landscaped lot. Includes a spacious living room w/gas log fireplace, lower level family room, nice deck & brick patio. Minutes from city park & campus.

\$181,000

South High Street



The best of yesterday and today are found in this beautiful two-story traditional brick home, with 4 bedrooms, 1 full & 2 half baths, new kitchen, living and dining rooms with fireplaces, attic office or bedroom, more.

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Virginia Manor



Superior location! Walk to hospitals and NIOSH, 4 br., 2½ home, offers an open floor plan, a living rm. w/marble wood-burning fireplace, kitchen w/adjoining family rm., slate foyer, radiant heating, most floors hardwood.

\$249,000

Cobun Creek Road

SALE PENDING



Unique post & beam passive solar home with one of the most spectacular views in the area, located on 4.5 acres, this 4 br., 3½ bath home has 2 fireplaces, a hot tub, great room, lots of privacy.

\$310,000

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Greystone



New construction, lovely 3-bedroom patio-style home, spectacular view of Georgian Manor, features a living room, w/fireplace, nice family room, 3 full baths, double garage, more!

\$295,000

Lakeview Drive



Desirable Cheat Lake office building, 6 offices, 1 conference room, kitchen and eating area, reception area. Overlooks Cheat Lake and the 18th fairway of Lakeview Resort Golf course.

\$495,000

Thistledown



Spectacular two-story new construction with the charm of another era. This lovely 4 BR home features a ground-level master bedroom suite w/garden tub, a family room with vaulted ceiling and a great kitchen with breakfast area, laundry and adjoining screened porch.

\$406,000

Harmony Grove




Spacious 4 bedroom, 2½ baths, split-level-style home located minutes from town. Living room w/ woodburner, new heating system, family room, double garage, nice lot.

\$139,900

South Park


SOLD



Just delightful! Charming 3 to 4 br. brick Cape Cod, living room w/hardwood floors, fireplace and adjoining side porch, mostly-finished lower level study and guest room, private back yard.

\$209,000

Mariner Village



Attractive end unit townhome views lake and marina, sunny interior w/skylights and cathedral ceiling, plus a living room w/fireplace and formal dining room.

\$160,000

Grafton Road



What a view! Enjoy your morning coffee on the deck from this 3-bedroom Dutch Colonial-style home, has a second lower-level kitchen for entertaining, 1.8-acre lot.

\$152,500

Eastgate Manor



Very neat raised ranch-style 3 bedroom home. Features an eat-in kitchen and bath on the main level, also a large family room, wonderful deck overlooking a lush fenced yard.

\$130,000

Valley View Acres

SALE PENDING



Quality construction and pristine condition, best describe this lovely two-story contemporary-style home, no detail has been overlooked, this home has it all. There are 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, kitchen with walk-in pantry, large family room, 2 fireplaces, lots more.

\$300,000

Suncrest


SALE PENDING



Neat ranch-style home located in the heart of Suncrest! Includes beautiful hardwood floors, a living room w/fireplace, sunroom, park-like backyard, more!

\$125,000

Cedarwood



Fantastic location! Well-maintained, bright, open, airy townhome. All the rooms are spacious, includes a main level master suite, and laundry. Plus wood-burning fireplace, lower level family room, double garage.

\$175,000

Suncrest



Attractive 3-bedroom ranch-style home with partially-finished lower level. You will appreciate the pristine condition of this fine well-located property. Located near shopping and hospitals.

\$231,000

Sanford Street


SALE PENDING



Three bedroom raised ranch-style home located on a private lot in the heart of town, spacious family room, wonderful deck, minutes from town and schools.

\$125,000

South Park



Move right in! Beautiful 2½-story traditional 5-bedroom home, features a large foyer, new furnace and A/C, top-floor office, two-car garage, nice deck and yard, easy walk to town and campus.

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South High Street



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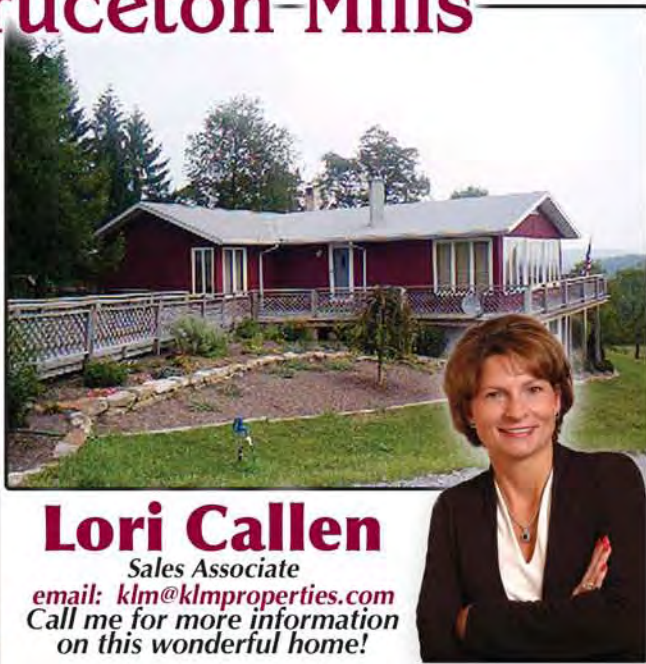
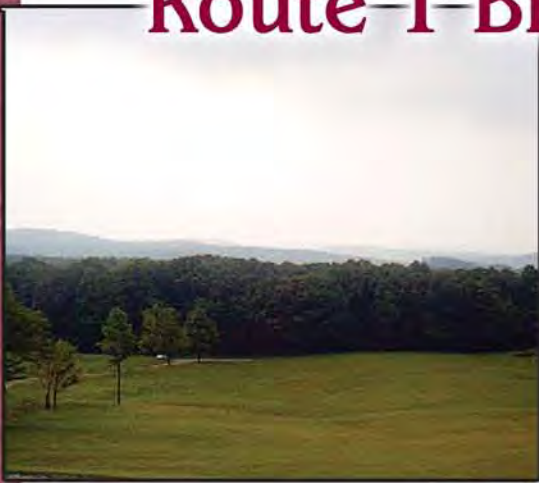
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405 Lakeview Estates

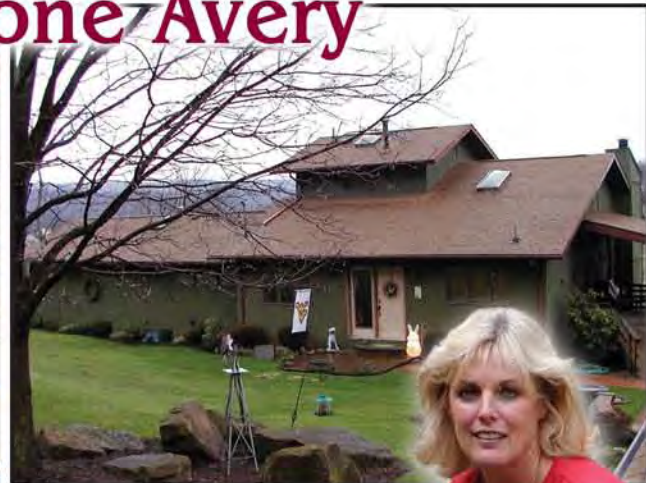


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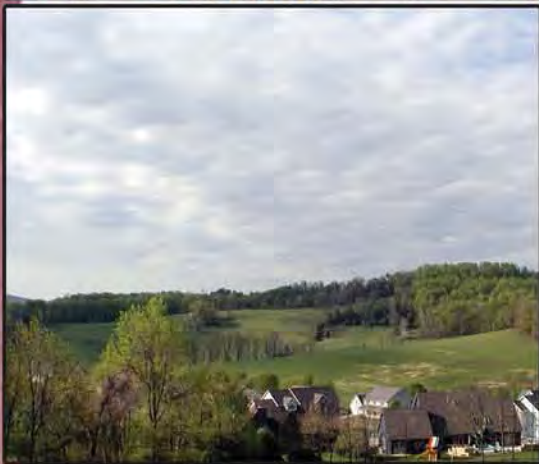
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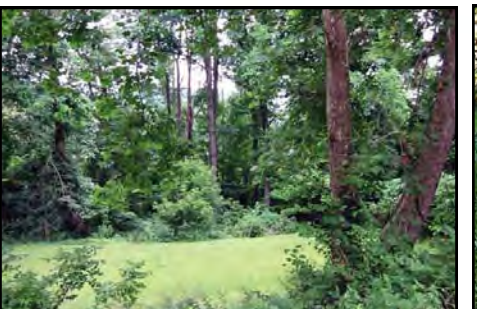
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3210 Stone Mill Lane \$30,000
Located in Greystone On The Cheat, this .57 acre lot is a great place to build the home of your dreams!



Lot 4 Sovereign Run \$38,500
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768 Augusta Avenue \$45,000
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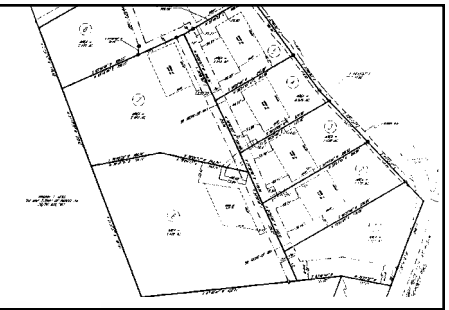
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Resume makeover is a good idea

"EXTREME RESUME MAKEOVER."

It sounds like a popular television show, but the reality is that it's something everyone — not just job seekers — should do.

"There are so many bad resumes out there, and job applicants don't realize that a bad one could be what's stopping them from getting a job interview — even though they have the skills," said Kathleen Canfield, director of Harper College's career center in Palatine, Ill.

I asked Canfield, who has master's degrees in education and counseling and has been in career counseling since 1999, if she plans to ambush people on the street and redo their resumes.

She doesn't plan anything that extreme. "No, our workshop will give really bad examples of resumes and then really good ones," she said. "Good resumes are noticed by potential employers."

One makeover is to excise vague statements from your stated objective. "You need to start with an objective that is focused," she said. "In today's job market, you have to be specific. It should be clear and to the point and match the job description."

For example, to state, "I've always wanted to work for your company," is warm and fuzzy but doesn't mention the job you're looking for. The makeover would look like this: "Seeking a position as an accountant."

Another section of most resumes that probably needs an extreme reworking is "the way your job history or experience is listed," Canfield said. Her advice: Don't just state where you worked and when.

For example, if you're a sales representative applying for a job in education, don't emphasize your sales experience. Instead, redo your work history to "stress interpersonal skills and customer relations, because they're transferable to education."

Easier to do than a complete facelift, massage other information you want to include, Canfield suggests. "Putting in personal information is inappropriate, such as the fact you like to play basketball," she said. "But leadership positions and volunteer work are important."

As part of manicuring your resume, make sure its format is easy to read and that it's free of spelling errors. "I serve on a hiring committee for the college, and 80 percent of the applications — most of them from well-educated people — have spelling errors," she said.

I asked Canfield how often you have to go to this extreme with your resume. "If you're a job seeker, just do it once and then continually update it as you change jobs and get increased responsibility," she said. "If you're a job holder, do it at least once a year."

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Thomas Miller, of Akron, Ohio, attends classes at Hamrick Truck Driving School in Medina, Ohio. Recent increases in enrollment at the school show the growth trend of people seeking employment as truck drivers.

Driving force

Others may be laying off, but there's always a need for truckers

BY JOHN RUSSELL
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Cheryl Cowley has never spent a minute behind the wheel of a big rig. But after losing two warehousing jobs in a year, she's starting to think that a steady job steering a truck down the highway would be appealing.

"It seems like a good way to see the country," said Cowley, 45, of Richfield, Ohio, who recently enrolled in a six-week course at Hamrick Truck Driving School to earn a commercial driver's license. "There's always going to be a need for truck drivers."

Especially now. With the economy rebounding, factories are moving record amounts of freight to warehouses and stores around the United States.

And trucking companies are struggling to find drivers to help move it all.

Trucking companies are competing fiercely for drivers, offering higher pay packages, training reimburse-

ments, health insurance, signing bonuses and new trucks to drive.

"It's as tight a labor situation as I can remember," said Mike Norder, a spokesman for Schneider National Inc., in Green Bay, Wis., one of the largest trucking companies in the nation.

The squeeze is even forcing some trucking companies to turn down business or raise prices until they can find enough drivers.

"Some trucking companies are firing their customers and being more selective about what they haul," said Paul Murphy, professor of business logistics at John Carroll University in Ohio.

And it's not just a stronger economy that's pushing freight volumes. A flood of imported goods, due to the growing trend of offshore manufacturing, is causing trucks to haul more freight farther from ports.

Trucking rates have increased 3 percent to 6 percent since January, and some of that cost is likely to be passed along

to consumers, according to the National Industrial Transportation League, a trade association of shippers in Arlington, Va.

But overall, the upturn in trucking volumes is a good omen for the economy, experts say. Truckers haul 69 percent of the nation's freight by volume and 87 percent by value.

"A good part of our gross domestic product is still moved from one place to another by trucks, so if freight volumes are up, it's a pretty decent indicator the economy is good," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics in Ohio.

It's also good for truck manufacturers, such as Freightliner and Volvo, who are seeing orders rise. And it's good for parts suppliers, such as Eaton Corp. of Cleveland, which makes truck drivetrain systems, and Goodyear, which makes a broad line of truck tires.

That all translates into wide opportunities for people interested in driving a truck. Open the newspaper to the Help Wanted section, or type "truck driving jobs" into an Internet search engine, and you'll see position after position from trucking companies frantic for more drivers.

"I need 200 more people on the fleet. I can start you right away," Tom Cook, a recruiter from Swift Transportation, a trucking company in Phoenix, told students at Hamrick.

It's a strange sensation for Cowley and other students at Hamrick, watching companies throw job offers at them. Many of the students have seen their previous jobs disappear as manufacturers closed plants or moved jobs offshore.

Cowley lost her last job as a warehouse worker at Jo-Ann Stores after only nine months. After 10 years, she lost her previous job at Boston Dis-



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Denver Hamrick has been operating Hamrick Truck Driving School for 24 years.

tributors in Maple Heights, Ohio, when the company closed that location.

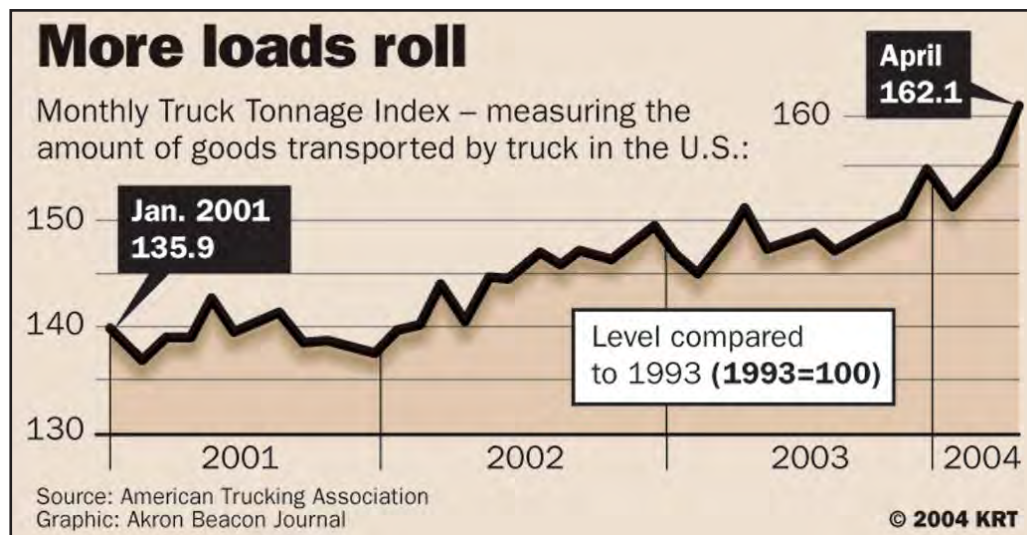
Several times a day, a recruiter will visit her class and outline a package of wages, benefits and working conditions.

"It's very overwhelming," Cowley said. "We heard from three yesterday and two today. Everybody is making big promises."

Other students agree it's a nice feeling to be wanted. Thomas Miller, 48, worked for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. for 24 years before losing his job as a technician in the company's Ohio test center last year. Since then, he has done a series of odd jobs, such as preparing tax returns, but most of the work was temporary, with no future.

Now, he's getting wooed by trucking companies every day, and he won't even earn his commercial driver's license for several weeks. "People want to hire you right off the bat," Miller said.

Truck-driving schools are seeing more and more mid-career students. Truck driving used to be a first career for a lot of people, but now the average person is in their 30s.



International email scams score billions with offer of millions

Knight Ridder Newspapers

FORT WORTH, Texas — The caller identified himself as Barrister Fred Omoba and said he was representing Madam Rose Chimere. He was following up on an exchange of e-mails about transferring millions of dollars to my bank account on behalf of "Madam Rose," as he called her.

Government red tape threatened to tie up her fortune, Madam Rose had written, and she wanted to find

an offshore account to stash it. I would be well compensated for my assistance.

Imagine my good fortune. Not only was Madam Rose interested in sharing her wealth with me, but there were at least a dozen other e-mails in my folder promising to make me an instant millionaire.

Who needs the lottery?

Anyone with an e-mail account is probably familiar with solicitations like the one from Madam Rose. In

fact, you also may have received one from her.

These are examples of advance-fee fraud, or "419 fraud," so-called for the section of the penal code that addresses fraud in Nigeria, where this scam is believed to have originated.

Although the stories seem preposterous, some people can't resist these get-rich-quick schemes, beckoned by visions of early retirement, an easy way out of debt, or a life of luxury.

Someone wants you to become a partner in a business venture, or to help a member of royalty or the aristocracy, a deposed government official or a grieving widow transfer assets to a bank account in your name to keep it out of some government's hands.

All you have to do is pay "upfront fees" so that a bank account can be opened in your name and the funds transferred there.

The trouble is, the scam artists

keep coming up with additional fees, until they have cleaned you out of your savings — or until a light finally goes on and you realize that you've been had.

The FBI's Internet fraud complaint center estimates that victims of 419 fraud lose an average of \$3,400 each.

"I've been in law enforcement for 27 years, and I'm amazed how gullible and foolish people can be, from the rich and famous to the guy

on the street," said Mark Lowery, special agent in charge of the Secret Service field office in Dallas.

Advance-fee fraud has now spread beyond Nigeria to South Africa, Dubai and Iraq, among other countries. It is one of the most elaborate and lucrative Internet scams.

The scheme has been around for years, law enforcement officials say, originally in the form of letters or faxes. It has spread like a computer virus with the growth of the Internet.

AMY
LINDGREN

Networking can get you a great job

SAM IS DISCOURAGED. He has gone through a dozen informational interviews in his field of public relations and not one of them has produced a job lead. In fact, the people he's met never call him later with contacts or new ideas to try.

Sally is fighting discouragement, too. She has worked her network consistently, in hopes of discovering industries or career areas that would be a good fit. If she just keeps calling back, she's certain one of her contacts will have a good idea for her.

Sally and Sam are in trouble. They're each working hard at the job search, but each is using exactly the wrong tool for the problem. Sam should be networking, not informational interviewing. And Sally should stop badgering her poor network and get some informational interviews under her belt.

What's the difference between informational interviewing and networking? The answer relates to the stages of job search. Putting it simply, the job hunt has two divisions: pre-job search and job search itself.

Prejob search is the period before you begin actively seeking work. During this time, you should be laying the foundation for a successful hunt and asking yourself some key questions: What kind of work do you want to do? How will it relate to goals you hold for your future? These are the issues Sally is trying to work out.

While you are defining your goals, you may discover that you don't have enough information to make your decisions. Perhaps you don't know if the work you're considering is available in your area. Or, you might not be clear on the field's entry points, or whether you'll even enjoy the work.

If you still have these kinds of questions, you are not ready for a full networking strategy. In fact, if you approach your network before you are clear about your own goals, you will seem unprepared and indecisive. The people you meet will hesitate to refer you to job leads and contacts. Or, as in Sally's case, they'll tire of hearing you ask the same, unanswerable question again and again: "What kind of work do you think I should go into?"

Using informational interviewing appropriately will help you avoid a false start with your network. This technique is meant to unearth data and advice to help you make those basic decisions about your field of choice and the companies to approach for work.

Once you know your field and your target companies, you are ready to move from prejob search into job search. That's when you should stop informational interviewing. Otherwise, you will waste meetings with people in the field by pretending you haven't decided your course.

This describes Sam's problem. He has chosen public relations for his career, so he is past the need for informational interviews. Yet, his meetings are locked into that "What is this work like?" stage of discussion. Sam's task now is to expand his network and to ask each person on that list: "Who's hiring a competent PR professional? And, can I send you my resume in case you hear of leads?" Sam should talk to everyone in his network on a regular basis because the answers to those questions are likely to change over the course of time.

Networking is the gateway to the hidden job market — that nearly overused phrase to indicate the huge percentage of openings that are not advertised. If someone knows you are skilled and interested in a particular type of work, they will pass the lead to you. But if they think you are uncertain about the field, they will probably hold back.

The lesson? If you don't know your job goal, you're not ready for job search. Get that settled first. If you do know your goal, be sure your contacts know it, too.

AMY LINDGREN is the owner of a career-consulting firm in St. Paul, Minn.

Herbalists work in growth field

BY PATRICIA V. RIVERA
The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

Bill Clement sees them on a daily basis: People who are tired of taking prescription medication and want the trained herbalist to recommend a more natural remedy to cure their ills.

He feels a hefty responsibility to closely monitor their progress.

"You need to be very careful and learn everything you can before you make a recommendation," said Clement, a licensed herbalist and acupuncturist who practices in Dallas and Arlington, Texas.

More people are turning to herbal remedies, creating demand for people with expertise in herbs. But the problem in the young profession is that there is no national certification, even though many herbalists are organizing and pushing for professional status and regulation of herbal products.

In Texas, people can sell herbs with little more than a business license. But professionals who have spent years working on advanced degrees — Clement has a master's degree in Oriental medicine — want greater regulation.

Nationally, trade groups such as the American Herbalist Guild have been working to develop licensing guidelines.

Herbalists have different training models that include Western biomedical, traditional Chinese medicine, earth-centered and ayurvedic. Packets about the disciplines are available through the guild (www.americanherbalists-guild.com).

Should the federal government recognize herbalism as a form of health care, herbalists will be required to complete 500 hours of clinical training and study anatomy, physiology and pathology to become recognized herbalists, experts say. In the meantime, a few schools offer advanced training.

The Dallas College of Oriental Medicine (www.dallascom.org) is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, the only accrediting body for acupuncture schools that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. It offers a four-year master's-level program in acupuncture and Oriental medicine, which includes 450 hours of instruction in herbal medicine.

College director Mark L. Hanson said acupuncture/Oriental medicine is one of the fastest-growing professions in health care.

"And it's only going to grow in the next five years," he said.

Clement said individuals interested in becoming herbalists must be willing to research herbs and take courses to constantly improve their knowledge.

"You're dealing with people's health," he said.

Herbalists must also like working with people and have a genuine desire and interest to help them improve their health.

Many herbalists also grow and



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Licensed herbalist and acupuncturist Bill Clement treats patient Dedie Noah at his Arlington, Texas, office. Clement has a master's degree in Oriental medicine and says he closely monitors his patients' progress.

tend their own gardens and greenhouses, from which they get some of the ingredients for their treatments. This practice tends to be supplemental, and many herbalists receive their herbs from an outside certified source.

Herbalists must also keep up-to-date on herbal remedies and understand the possible interactions of herbal remedies with other medications. Many people use herbs as a complementary treatment and may be taking prescriptions.

Earlier this year, the Austin, Texas-based American Botanical

Council announced the launch of the ABC Herbal Information Course at www.herbrtraining.com, a certification program for people who sell herbal products and those who advise clients.

The program covers many aspects of the herb trade, including history, regulation, trends, science and details on 29 commonly used herbs. The program consists of two modules, each concluding with a multiple-choice test. Upon completion of both modules, the participant is certified as an ABC herbal information specialist.

Retail operations that participate in the program receive certificates for each employee completing the program, a decal stating that an ABC-certified herbal information specialist is on staff and a press release to distribute.

"In addition to ensuring that people provide high-quality information to consumers and patients, this program is also designed to help businesses and health practices establish credibility and build customer confidence and loyalty," said ABC founder and director Mark Blumenthal.

Contest launches a dream for entrepreneurs

BY JAN NORMAN
The Orange County Register (KRT)

As Melissa Barlow of Cypress, Calif., read *Black Enterprise* magazine last January, she saw an ad that just might make her entrepreneurial dream come true.

Ford Motor Co. was sponsoring a contest for the best business plan to honor ventures, either established or in the planning stage, that give back to their communities.

Barlow and co-worker Kristina Paysse of Inglewood, Calif., had talked about and researched for three years a fun and safe children's entertainment facility that also would provide work and recreation opportunities for their parents.

All they had to do was put that research for Razzmatazz Fun Center into writing. They only had a month — the contest deadline was Feb. 29.

Barlow's administrative experience and Paysse's financial background at a hospital and vocational school paid off. They won first runner-up — and more importantly, \$25,000 — in the contest. Entries were judged by members of SCORE, volunteer business counselors under the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The business-plan winnings are insufficient to get this business open, but the victory illustrates the advantage of being able to respond quickly to every funding opportunity.

Many capital-seeking companies might not think to ask Ford, despite its entrepreneurial roots reaching back 100 years. However, "Ford has long-standing commitment to entrepreneurship ... and support for communities in which we do business," spokes-



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Melissa Barlow (left) and Kristina Paysse were co-winners of \$25,000 in a 'best business plan' contest sponsored by Ford. Their idea is Razzmatazz, a safe and fun kid's entertainment business which is in the formative stages.

woman Robin West explained.

Razzmatazz hit some of those hot buttons. It not only is projected to provide 14 jobs and spend a third of a million dollars locally each year, it promotes safe, educational fun for children, support for schools and even helps the environment by using solar energy.

"Kristina and I are parents who have tried to book parties for our children and been disappointed with what was available," Barlow said. "We didn't just talk about it. We did research, so when this contest came up, we were able to write the plan quickly."

They credit Bob Bradley, a member of the Santa Ana, Calif., SCORE chapter, with polishing their plan

before they submitted it, although he didn't know they were entering a contest.

"Their plan is well-written," Bradley said. "Like most plans, it needs improvement in the financials."

The Razzmatazz plan calls for spending \$225,000 before opening plus having \$275,000 in operating funds until breaking even in the 13th month. Barlow and Paysse have raised \$60,000, partly through home refinancing. They say they know 10 potential investors. Loans and equipment financing will provide the rest of the money.

Success in the contest has an additional benefit beyond the \$25,000, Barlow said. "Winning this contest gives us credibility and has

Coaches help job seekers get on track

Offer advice on career changes, skills, goals

BY KRISTEN GERENCHER
CBS MarketWatch (KRT)

SAN FRANCISCO — When it comes to career navigation, some people seem to cruise on autopilot while others flounder, jumping from job to job or getting stuck in a professional rut.

For those in the latter category, do-it-yourself job listings may not be enough to land them work that fits well with their skills and personal goals.

Whether they're looking to change fields or aren't sure which direction to go, such people may be candidates for a career coach to help them get back on track, job experts said.

But how do you know when it's time to seek outside advice?

"When you feel so stuck and don't know what to do next," said Andrea Kay, a career coach based in Cincinnati. "Or if you're employed and can't stand the thought of going to work every day but don't have a clue as to what to do differently."

Whether these interventionists call themselves coach, counselor or consultant often varies with the credentials and depth of service they offer, but the average hourly rate is between \$100 and \$200 for any one of the three, said Wendy Enelow, president of the Career Masters Institute, a trade group representing 550 career counselors, coaches and resume writers.

"What they can do is help you identify your true career goals and expectations, develop a realistic course of action by which to attain those goals and help you move fluidly through the process," Enelow said.

Job seekers should start by playing counselor to themselves, taking free personality tests online and making use of other services like taxpayer-funded Career One-Stop centers that don't cost anything, said Kay Brawley, president of the National Employment Counseling Association, a trade group representing job counselors who mostly work at One-Stops.

"The job seeker should ask: 'What's this going to cost me? How many sessions? What can I expect to get out of this?'" Brawley said. "If the issue of payment is a concern, the best option would be the local One-Stops."

There are more than 2,000 One-Stops around the country, with a Web site to direct consumers looking for counseling, resume services and information on local employers, Brawley said.

Job seekers need to remember that the job hunt is hard work, with most of the responsibility falling to them whether they hire a coach or not, said Dick Bolles, author of "What Color is Your Parachute?"

"A counselor can only do a certain amount of work," Bolles said. That's why effective coaches work with clients to make sure they agree about how to proceed, said Patrick Holwell, a career counselor at a One-Stop in Aurora, Colo., that serves 7,000 people a month.

"One of the things a credible career counselor will do is generate the proper expectations," Holwell said. "The further you get away from what you were doing, the lower you have to start in terms of pay and status."

To be sure, there are many different services available to job seekers, from professional resume writers to headhunters. But few are in the business of helping people make a career transition and determine how best to transfer their skills to something better suited to their needs — which is where coaches and counselors come in, Kay said.

"A lot of people don't have the ability to do the introspection in a meaningful way," Kay said. "They don't know how to take the data and move it to the next step."

A good coach also holds clients accountable when they start making excuses, she said. "I tell people I not only am supportive, but I give them a kick in the butt."

Fees and fee structures vary depending on the coach. For Kay, a one-time 90-minute consultation runs \$250, and clients who continue her services pay an hourly rate instead of an upfront fee so they can monitor the value they're getting, she said.

Both Enelow and Bolles favor hourly payment as opposed to pre-paid packages for the consumer protection it brings.

"The rule above all other rules is never, ever pay a large sum up front. Always pay by the hour," Bolles said, noting that some legitimate firms do want payment in advance. Still, "most of the abuses I run into are due to people paying a large sum up front and then trying to get their money's worth after the fact," he said.

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This position is responsible for Coding/abstracting data from inpatient records utilizing computerized coding and abstracting systems, maintaining Billing Error/Accounts Receivable Reports, etc. Knowledge of coding/abstracting, medical terminology and Diagnostic Related Group (DRG) normally acquired through completion of an RHIT course and/or previous work experience required. Please send application/resumes to: Human Resources Dept., Monongalia Health System, 1200 J. D. Anderson Drive, Morgantown, WV 26505; Fax (304) 598-1306; Email: MGRResumes@monhealthsys.org. Diversity is needed to succeed; an equal opportunity employer. www.monhealth.com.

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Help Wanted 10

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT Day Program

Valley HealthCare System seeks a Part time staff for Preston County to work with MR/DD individuals 9:30-12:00. Requires 12 hours on only. Requires HS diploma or equivalent. Apply WV Job Service, Morgantown or Fairmont. www.valleyhealthcare.org.

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS Residential Setting

Valley HealthCare System will train 1 full time staff to work either 7am-3pm or 3-9:30pm. Mon-Fri. with alternating weekends off in Mon. County to provide rehabilitative training in private home settings for MRDD Waiver participants. Also flexible Part time positions available. Requires a HS diploma or equivalent, current valid drivers license; prefer MR/DD or health care work experience. Apply to WV Job Service, Morgantown. www.valleyhealthcare.org.

HEALTHCARE WORKERS
needed to perform vitals, phlebotomy, bone density screening, & blood pressures at corporate health screenings. Send resume to: SCL, 1191 Pineview Dr., Ste. F. Morgantown, WV 26505.

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WE NEED:

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BFS Companies is seeking a Data Entry Clerk to work in the Accounting Department. Qualified candidates must be well organized, able to work independently and computer literate. Competitive salary and attractive benefits package offered as well as paid holidays and vacations. Send resume and cover letter to 1768 Ridge Road, Morgantown, WV 26505. No phone calls please. EOE.

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AOL aims for Hispanic customers

\$299 PC available at Office Depot

Knight Ridder Newspapers

America Online Inc., the nation's biggest Internet service provider, is reaching across the digital divide to lure first-time computer users with bilingual service and a low-cost PC.

The computer system will be available this month at Office Depot stores for \$299.99 with a 12-month commitment to AOL's top-speed dial-up service at \$23.90 per month. The subscription charges bring the total cost to \$368.79, which is still less than many low-end systems with monitors and printers.

AOL's offer is aimed at the 27 percent of U.S. households without computers and specifically at Hispanics, who lag the general population in home Internet access but are rapidly catching up.

Thirty-six percent of Hispanics have Internet access at home compared with 66 percent of the general market, according to the 2004 U.S. Hispanic Market Report by research firm Synovate.

Synovate's Deborah Gonderil said Hispanics often are early adopters of technology, but they had little reason to go online when there was sparse content for Latinos and when few of their friends had Internet access.

"As more of their network came online and as more content was provided, the needle moved pretty rapidly," Gonderil said.

Andy Carvin, director of the Digital Divide Network in Newton, Mass. agreed that cost is only one reason Hispanics have been slower to go online.

"The availability and diversity of useful content is certainly a big factor," he said.

Usage is climbing partly in response to sites such as AOL Latino, Yahoo en Espanol, Terra and Univision, experts said.

AOL Latino, launched last fall, is more than a translation of AOL's English language offerings. Services include prepaid phone cards and money transfers. There is immigration information and an "Ask the Teacher" section to help parents assist children in doing homework.

The sports channel highlights soccer and boxing rather than football and baseball, and the entertainment channel features interviews with leading Latino artists.

AOL, with 23 million U.S. subscribers, claims to have captured 40 percent of the Hispanic market for Internet access. But the company's research indicates that affordability and ease of use are hurdles, said AOL Latino Vice President and General Manager David Wellisch.

The new PC, which features a simplified user interface, makes it easy to toggle between English and Spanish, he said. That's important for households where parents speak little or no English and children are bilingual.

"The opportunity is very sizeable," Wellisch said. "As more Hispanics come online, that presents a very interesting opportunity for online advertisers."

AOL's marketing push, timed to capture back-to-school buyers, comes as the Virginia-based giant is scrambling to stem subscriber losses. It lost 668,000 in the second quarter, an improvement compared with a loss of 846,000 subscribers in the year-earlier quarter.

Customers are defecting to lower-cost rivals or abandoning dial-up service for high-speed cable and DSL access.

AOL is fighting back with a \$9.95 Netscape Communications dial-up service. It also offers a broadband service for \$14.95 per month, which does not include the fees customers pay for cable and DSL hook-ups.

By bundling its dial-up service with a low-cost PC, AOL is adopting a strategy popularized by the likes of Gillette, which gives away razors to sell razor blades.

Technology analyst Rob Enderle of the Enderle Group estimates AOL is spending as much as \$200 per subscriber to subsidize the computer's cost.

The PC, manufactured by Systemax, features an Intel Celeron 2.0-gigahertz chip, Microsoft Windows XP Home Edition, 256 megabytes of random access memory and a 40-gigabyte hard drive. A 17-inch monitor and Lexmark Color inkjet printer are included.

"It makes sense because you recoup that (subsidy) over a couple of years and also make money on any transactions," Enderle said. "AOL gets captured eyes and that gives them more advertising revenues and a targeted audience."

'Playboy' interview lands Google in trouble

Article raises concerns in face of initial stock offering

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Legal questions about an interview Google Inc.'s founders gave to a magazine are the latest in a string of developments that have clouded the online search engine's highly anticipated initial stock offering.

In a seven-page article of Playboy delivered to some subscribers Thursday, co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin discuss the company's rapid growth and even brag about how Google's search engine has helped save people's lives.

The snag is that the interview threatens to delay Google's initial public offering because securities regulations restrict what executives can say while preparing to sell stock for the first time.

Google on Friday amended the risk factors outlined in its IPO filings to include the article, but said they would "vigorously" contest any claim that it violated securities law.

"The article presented certain statements about our company in isolation and did not disclose many of the related risks and uncertainties described in this prospectus," the filing said.

"... if our involvement were held by a court to be in violation of the Securities Act of 1933, we could be required to repurchase the shares sold to purchasers in this offering at the original purchase price for a period of one year following the date of the violation."

Nevertheless, the Mountain View-based company maintained that the 28 brokerages handling its unorthodox initial public offering began accepting bids Friday morning as part of the company's plan to raise \$3 billion.

Google needs the Securities and Exchange Commission to approve

its IPO registration statement before it can complete the stock sale — a process the interview complicates, predicted Michael Zuppone, a former SEC attorney.

"I don't want to rain on their parade, but I think this interview is going to cause regulatory concern. There could be consequences," said Zuppone, now with Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker in New York.

Securities attorney David Walek of Ropes & Gray agreed that the interview would be a serious problem for almost any company preparing an IPO. But he said Google may be an exception because of the widespread publicity swamping the company since its IPO filing in late April.

"There already has been so much written about this company that the SEC may conclude that this doesn't really change the mix that much," Walek said.

SEC spokesman John Nester and Google spokeswoman Cindy McCaffrey declined to comment Thursday.

Google and its insiders hope to sell stock at a price ranging from \$108 to \$135 per share. But the auction could change that price, particularly if most of the bids fall below the minimum \$108 target.

The auction is expected to be wrapped up sometime next week, the company said.

Playboy spokeswoman Theresa Hennessey said the magazine conducted the interview with Page and Brin on April 22 — a week before Google filed its registration statement. None of Google's top executives have granted interviews since the company's IPO filing.

Securities attorneys contacted Thursday said they doubted the timing of the interview would matter to the SEC because Page and



The entrance to Google headquarters is seen in Mountain View, Calif., Tuesday. Legal questions about an interview Google Inc.'s founders gave to a magazine are the latest in a string of developments that have clouded the online search engine's highly anticipated initial stock offering.

Brin knew then that an IPO filing was imminent.

"The SEC draws a distinction between what a company can control and what they can't control, and this is something they could have controlled," said Bob Clarkson of Jones Day in Menlo Park.

The SEC sometimes imposes a "cooling off" period when a company involved in an IPO releases any information that deviates from its IPO registration statement. The SEC is especially sensitive to promotional remarks while a company is gearing up for an IPO, securities attorneys said.

Regulators cracked down on Salesforce.com in May when the company's CEO, Marc Benioff, cooperated with an article published in The New York Times on May 9. After the article appeared, the SEC forced the San Francisco-based company to delay its high-profile IPO. Salesforce.com completed its IPO six weeks after the article appeared.

The uncertainty raised by the Playboy interview is not the first difficulty Google's IPO has faced.

The company has been stung by a backlash against the high target price, a legal settlement that will result in a third-quarter loss and a

disclosure that management may have broken securities laws in 18 states by neglecting to register stock previously distributed to its employees.

Also, investors have been souring on tech stocks, causing some analysts to wonder whether Google would be better off postponing its IPO.

In the Playboy interview, both Page and Brin cover mostly familiar ground about Google's history, the company's unconventional business approach and their aspirations to make the world a better place.

Researcher makes cattle emissions his mission

Knight Ridder Newspapers

DAVIS, Calif. — Frank Mitloehner held inside a shiny metal canister a precious clue to understanding just what makes California's Central Valley air some of the nation's dirtiest. He hoisted it with one arm, like a trophy fish.

"Cow fart," said Mitloehner. "There's one in there."

He was only partly joking.

Bovine flatulence, which produces methane, is just a small part of what cows send into the air, said Mitloehner, a University of California cooperative extension air-quality specialist in the department of animal science. The bigger issues, he thinks, are ammonia from bovine waste and particulate matter from cows kicking up dust and pulverizing their own patties.

But research is old and sketchy, leaving unclear just how badly the valley's 1.2 million dairy cows pollute the skies and turn valley sunsets a dirty orange. The 35-year-old German scientist hopes to clear the air.

On the farm at UC Davis he has launched a unique experiment, studying cow emissions and how to reduce them, inside four airtight, climate-controlled "bio bubbles." In each Quonset hut-like pen, 10 Hol-



Dairy cattle feed in a temperature-controlled cow tent as part of a UC Davis research project that seeks to reduce emissions caused by cows.

steins dwell under a plastic roof, chewing alfalfa, oat hay and almond hulls and delivering more scientific fodder.

Funny as it sounds, his \$600,000 experiment has drawn serious interest among state and regional air regulators and California's dairy industry, which now faces increased scrutiny.

Air officials say the state's cows add about 10 percent of the chemicals that

combine in the air to produce smog-forming ozone. And, according to the state Air Resources Board, emissions of reactive organic gases from cattle operations in the Central Valley could outpace that of cars by 2010.

The valley, which produces 20 percent of the nation's milk, also has the country's second-worst smog problem, behind Los Angeles, air officials say.

Under a new law, the state for

the first time has set up a permitting system for farms and dairies that contribute a certain amount of air pollution. And the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District recently set mandates for new and expanding dairies to control pollution.

Dairymen in the valley say it means buying expensive pieces of unproven equipment to convert manure to energy. Called digesters,

they run to well over \$1 million. Many complain that the mandates are built upon suspect, ancient science — a study done in 1938 is often cited. Until Mitloehner and others do new research, it will remain unclear, for instance, exactly where most of the pollution from dairies comes from, and therefore how to fix it.

Some dairymen now joke that they'll be asked to put diapers on their cattle.

Return of demure look for schoolgirls good for retailers

Knight Ridder Newspapers

CHICAGO — Here's one less thing for parents to worry about when their child heads off to school this fall: Skin is out.

Instead, the more conservative preppy look is back.

"The Britney (Spears) look is dead," said Neil Stern, an analyst for McMillan Doolittle, a Chicago retail consultant. "There's more cover-

ing up happening."

For girls, the preppy look is complete with plaid, pleated skirts, shawls and ponchos.

Already estimates indicate that this is shaping up to be another strong back-to-school season for retailers — the second most important season of the year behind holiday sales in November and December. And a good back-to-school sea-

son is usually a precursor of strong year-end sales.

So far "retailers have gotten the fashion cycles right and consumers are willing to reinvest in apparel — something they haven't done in the past two years," said Patrice Duker, spokeswoman for the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Chicago-based ShopperTrak, which follows retail sales nation-

wide, said back-to-school sales are up nearly 10 percent from the same period last year.

"Sales are pretty strong so far although it is still early for the back-to-school season in Chicago," said Jason Milch, a spokesman for ShopperTrak.

Families with school-aged children will spend about \$483.28 on back-to-school items including

clothes, shoes and school supplies — an increase of 7.2 percent from last year, according to the National Retail Federation.

Nike-branded spiral-bound notebooks and backpacks that light up are among the popular back-to-school items found at Office Max this season, according to Sean Clark, vice president of merchandising for the chain.

California officials seek to rein in big benefits for corporate executives

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The nation's largest public pension fund plans a drive to rein in big severance packages for corporate executives that are triggered by the mergers they engineer, officials said Friday.

California Treasurer Phil Angelides and other members of the California Public Employees' Retirement System board plan to recruit other pension systems and shareholder groups nationwide to fight the recent escalation by tar-

geting selected merger proposals for defeat next year.

The initiative is the latest in a series of steps by CalPERS and the nation's third-largest pension system, the California State Teachers Retirement System, to reform what officials contend is a corporate culture and financial marketplace that benefits insiders at the expense of investors.

The new move was spurred by the proposed merger between Anthem Inc. and WellPoint Health

Networks Inc. to create the nation's largest health insurer, a merger stymied by state Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi's refusal to approve the deal.

CalPERS opposed the merger in part because of what Angelides called the "outrageous executive pay outs" that could cost shareholders more than a half-billion dollars. Executives negotiated the severance packages before announcing the merger plans, and defended the packages as common practice.

Angelides, joined by five other board members, said they specifically want to lower the amount of severance pay in such circumstances, and stop executives from cashing in stock options before it's known whether the merger succeeds.

If the severance pay is enough to trigger federal excise taxes, the tax should be paid by the executive and not the company and its shareholders, they said.

In a response letter to the CalPERS board, WellPoint Chief

Financial Officer David Colby said WellPoint executives can cash in their stock options only if they are fired, and said WellPoint's 13 top executives have agreed they won't immediately cash in even if they are terminated.

More than 95 percent of the company's officers would receive severance pay below what the CalPERS officers said is reasonable, Colby said. And he said the company will not pay federal excise taxes for its employees.



JIM COATES

Play it safe: Change your password

Q. Over the past few days I had to enter my name and password twice when logging into my e-mail with Yahoo. I've had this basic account for a long time, maybe five years. I think it may be that my password is too simple.

Should I change it? Should I try to contact Yahoo? Thanks for your input. —Judy Beyette

A. That dual logon demand is just a blip on your machine, probably caused by a corruption of your computer's automatic password-recall tool. It will go away when you are done following the heartfelt advice you're about to get, Ms. B.

For goodness sake, don't ever again keep the same password floating on the Web for periods of time like the half-decade you spent in peril of getting mugged by some vandal or hacker.

Nobody has a hard and fast rule about how often passwords must change, but it's best to think in terms of months — not years.

Which brings us to the reason nobody wants to be prudent about frequent password changes: It's so doggone difficult remembering all the secret words we cook up over time. You can fix this just by figuring out a secret strategy by which you can change passwords and still remember them.

One of the easiest tricks is to keep the same core to a password but change the first and final characters by some rule not easily obvious to short-term snoops.

For example, some folks just keep their main word — like coates — but then add a character or series of characters to the front and rear. For example, put the figure 1 in front, then the core and then the uppercase of 1, which is the exclamation mark, thus getting 1coates!. Use that one for a month or maybe a couple of months and then move up to 2coates and then 3coates and so on.

Using numbers, special characters and the alphabet is recommended by security experts who may wince at my simplification. But it is hard for outsiders to guess and easy for you to remember. Just jot down whatever number you are at and then move up one later on.

When you've run the gamut from 1coates! through 9coates!, you can probably start over, although it would be great to change the core.

You can make up your own rule for this, such as the elementary code-writing trick of moving each character one step up the scale. Thus coates becomes dpbuff. Make that 1dpbuff! in January, 2dpbuff in February and so on.

Q. I recently switched the Internet provider on my home PC to Comcast from AOL. Now when I turn on my PC, I get a message asking me for my network password. I don't have a network and never had a network. How can I make this message go away? —Carol Kenzel

A. First and foremost, C.K., don't confuse this prompt for a network logon with the Windows logon that lets various users share the computer. The prompt you are getting refers instead to logging onto a local area network of two or more computers.

To stop the network prompt, you should shut down a feature called Client for Microsoft Networking.

Click on Start and go to Control Panel. Open the Networking control panel and then look for the icon for the local area network. Give that icon a right-click and then select Properties from the pop-up box that appears.

In the display this creates, there will be a group of four features, with Client for Microsoft Networking at the top. Remove the check mark from the box along side that entry. Now reboot.

If your machine still prompts for a network logon, go back to the same display and remove the check mark from the feature for Printer and File Sharing. Now reboot and the prompt will be gone.

JIM COATES writes a column for the Chicago Tribune.

Conn. dairy farmer turns manure into cash

Makes flower pots from smelly waste

BY LAURA WALSH
Associated Press

Beyond the Freund Farm's picturesque market, boasting fresh tomatoes and homemade apple pies, is a working dairy farm, complete with a half-acre lagoon brimming with cow manure.

But when owner Matt Freund peers into his manure pool, he doesn't see smelly waste. He sees 800,000 gallons of opportunity in the form of what he calls "poop pots."

Through Connecticut's Agricultural Businesses Cluster, the Freund Farm in East Canaan secured a \$72,000 federal grant to continue its development of biodegradable planting pots made almost entirely of cow manure.

"This is an adult version of a science fair project and who would have ever thought that we would be in our 40s doing science fair projects?" asked Freund's wife, Theresa, who admits to keeping some pots on her kitchen table.

At first glance, the pots could easily be mistaken for peat pots — planting containers made of peat moss — that are all the rage for gardeners because they can be planted directly into the soil.

Similarly, the manure pots do away with plastic, but have the added bonus of instant fertilizer and free nutrients, Freund said. He also claims his pots allow for better root penetration and can stand up to the manhandling that goes along with gardening.

"You have to grow the plant in it, and then you have to sell it to somebody. They have to pick it up, put it in their back entryway for a couple of days, kick it, let the dog pee on it and then you have to put it in your garden," Freund said. "These pots have to make it through all that."

Freund, who has filed a patent application, is hesitant to say what machinery he uses or how he made the pots sturdy for fear that someone may steal his idea. The process begins with a screw press that separates the solids from the manure slurry. Once separated, the solids are pressed and molded into 3-inch square pots.

Right now, Freund can only make six at a time, but he's looking to buy machinery to mass-produce the pots. He's working with a marketing consultant and plans to hand out prototypes to growers by the time winter rolls around.

In a region where there are more cows than people, the Freund's, who milk 225 cows and own 400 acres of land, say manure is a constant issue for farmers trying to abide by the 1972 Clean Water Act.

"Animal waste is probably our biggest problem when we're especially close to towns and cities," said Bob Jacquier, who helps run the family-operated Laurelbrook Farm in East Canaan.

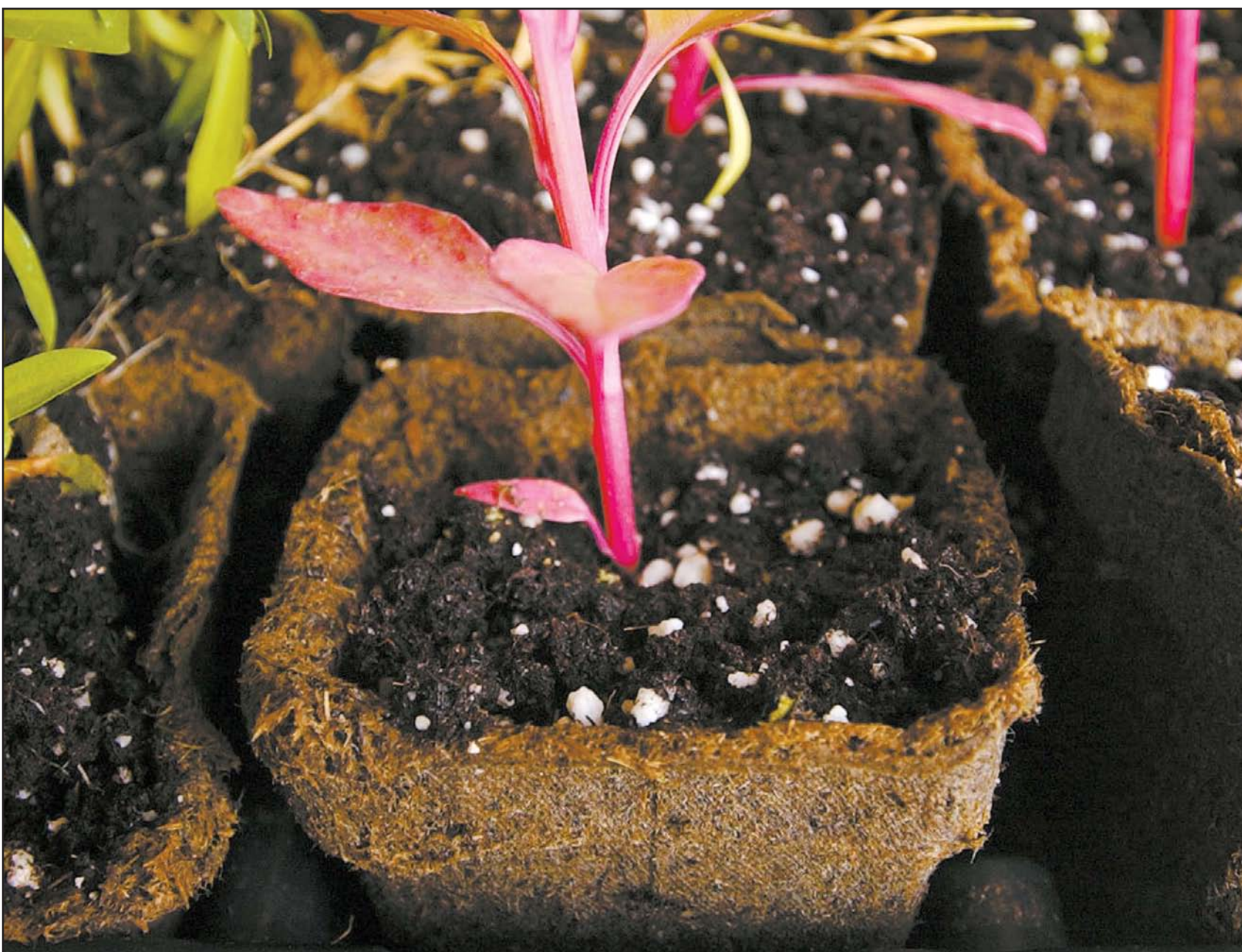
Farms sitting along the Blackberry River are responsible for preventing nitrogen and phosphorus in manure from fouling waterways, especially the Housatonic River, a water source for many Connecticut communities.

"Manure is waste. You can use it as fertilizer, but it has no cash value to the farmer," she said. "This could change that."

In California, the country's top dairy state, more than a dozen farmers are turning to manure to cut down their electricity costs through a methane digester. The waste is mixed with water, poured into a plastic-covered tank and then heated back up. The result is methane. Dairy farmers are piping the methane into a generator and saving thousands of dollars in electricity bills.

One thing the Freund's are happy about is odor control. The methane digester sucks up offensive odors, and the manure pots don't smell like much of anything at all.

"It turns into a grain-like smell and I don't know why. It has to do with the process, I guess," he said. "That's an added bonus because nobody likes the smell of manure."



One of Matthew Freund's prototype plant pots he at Freund's farm in East Caanan, Conn. The biodegradable fiber pot, made from manure from Freund's dairy cows.



Freund's "poop pots" are an easy solution for too much manure, but they also have a financial benefit for farmers, said Erica Fearn, executive director of the Connecticut Farm Bureau.

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Farmer Matthew Freund (above) shows a 1/2 acre pool with 800,000 gallons of manure on his farm in East Caanan, Conn. Freund's 225 dairy cows (left) produce the raw product and energy required to make a biodegradable fiber pot on Freund's farm.

Middle-class jobs are missing from the economy

BY REX NUTTING
CBS MarketWatch (KRT)

WASHINGTON — There's plenty of evidence that U.S. wages are stagnant, but Democratic challenger John Kerry goes too far when he says most of the new jobs created in the economy are low-paying, dead-end jobs.

The Bush administration also goes too far when it says the economy is lifting up most Americans and is on track to become the strongest economy in generations.

Each side has facts to back up its contentions, but they are selective facts, which tell only a part of the story.

The good jobs-bad jobs debate has become a central element in John Kerry's critique of President Bush's economic policies.

A careful review of the employment and wage data show the White House is right when it says a majority of the jobs that have been created in the past year pay more than average. But Democrats are right when they charge that the middle class is being squeezed by slow job growth and rising prices.

It's quite likely that the economy

is creating more high-paying jobs and more low-paying jobs, but fewer middle-income jobs. In essence, both parties have a point.

The Kerry camp points to the industry-specific hiring data collected by the Labor Department to bolster its claims that "bad" new jobs outnumber "good" new jobs.

For instance, just 3,000 manufacturing jobs have been created since September 2003. The average weekly wage in manufacturing industries is \$660 a week, compared with \$524 for the average private-sector job. On the other hand, 134,000 jobs have been created in retail industries since September 2003, paying an average of \$320 a week.

"Ninety percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average," the Kerry campaign says.

"We're not creating good, family-supporting jobs with benefits," said John Sweeney, president of the AFL-CIO.

The industry-specific data have limitations, however, because there's no way of knowing how many of the new jobs are high-paying managers' jobs and how many are low-

paying production-line jobs. The Labor Department has other data that show how many jobs were created in each occupation, but they don't show which industries created the jobs. There's a big difference between a manager in a hospital and a manager at a doughnut shop.

The occupational data also support the Kerry contention that bad jobs are outnumbering good ones.

"Fully 81 percent of total job growth over the past year was concentrated in low-end occupations," said Stephen Roach, chief economist for Morgan Stanley. "The great American job machine is not even close to generating the high-powered jobs that typically provide the

major impetus to income generation and personal consumption."

"Not so fast," said the nonpartisan political watchdog, FactCheck.org of the Annenberg Policy Center.

FactCheck looked at unpublished Labor Department data that tracks occupational job growth within specific industries to conclude that almost all the hiring has come from jobs paying more than the average.

The FactCheck data are based on the Labor Department's household survey, which shows employment is up 1.2 million during Bush's term in office. The separate survey of business establishments shows job losses of 1.1 million since then.

FactCheck.org found that the 74 industry-specific occupations that paid more than the average added a net 1.16 million jobs in the past 12 months, while the 77 industry-specific occupations paying less than the average lost 6,000 jobs on net.

As usual, though, the averages obscure the complete picture. Two categories accounted for almost all the "good" job growth: production workers at construction firms and professionals in education and health care.

Production jobs in construction,

which grew by 670,000 between June 2003 and June 2004, pay on average \$553 a week, just a few dollars more than the average job.

Many Americans would be glad to have a good-paying construction job, but these jobs often lack any job security. They are also among the most dangerous jobs in the economy.

Professional positions in education and health care, which added 1.4 million jobs over the past year, pay an average of \$691 a week. Doctors, nurses and teachers are highly educated and respected. Their jobs come with a near-lifetime guarantee, but are also among the most rewarding and/or stressful.

Unsurprisingly, most of the job growth came in the industries that survived the recession best: health care, education, financial services and construction.

Plenty of low-paying jobs were also created in the past year. For instance, 318,000 retail sales jobs were added, paying an average of \$356 a week. More than a million low-skilled "services" jobs in leisure, education, health and "other" fields were created, paying an average of less than \$300 a week.





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No matter how some people try to classify it, the 2005 Freestyle is a versatile performer with an attractive profile and a catchy name.

It's yet another in a growing group of vehicles that escapes conventional definition. That means we either don't know what it is, or that it combines the virtues of several vehicle types between its four wheels.

We choose the latter. So, instead of taking the lazy way out and painting the Freestyle with the ambiguous 'crossover' brush, we're going to actually tell you the specifics about what the vehicle does, which is better than slapping it with a mere label.

The exact recipe is a complex mixture of all-new sheet metal and 21st-century technical prowess. The primary ingredients include a wagon body style with the seating capacity of a minivan, the all-weather capability of a sport-utility vehicle and the solid reputation of a European-designed foundation. The result is actually not so complex, but rather friendly: a capable, roomy and good-



looking, multi-purpose vehicle. The Freestyle is also the alter ego to the Five Hundred four-door sedan, another of Ford's fresh faces

arriving this fall. It joins a redesigned Mustang and Focus models. Both Freestyle and Five Hundred share their double-overhead-cam,

Taurus-derived 200-horsepower 3.0-liter V6 engines, continuously variable transmissions and optional Volvo-based all-wheel-drive systems

The 2005 Ford Freestyle features three rows of seats which are standard with your choice of second-row 60/40-split bench (for three passengers) or optional high-back bucket seats (for two people), which are geared for maximum comfort. Wheelbase Communications

(the same one used in Volvo's XC70 Cross Country) that can send up to 100-percent of the power to the rear wheels whenever the fronts lose grip. Under ideal road conditions, only the front wheels are under power. Front-wheel drive is standard.

In terms of form and function — and size — however, the Freestyle appears to have more in common with Ford's sport-utility vehicles than the Five Hundred, which is meant to appease Taurus buyers when that model is phased out.

Inside, the Freestyle bristles with convenience and innovation. Three rows of seats are standard with your choice of second-row 60/40-split bench (for three passengers) or optional high-back bucket seats (for two people), which are geared for maximum comfort.

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SPEC SHEET

2005 Ford Freestyle

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- Continuously variable transmission.
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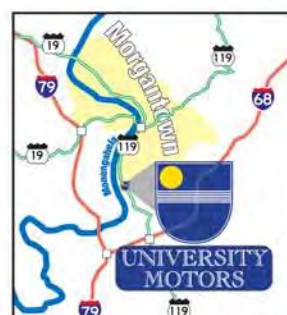
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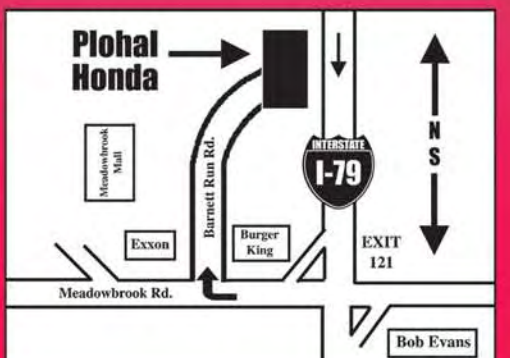
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Carmakers are hoping more like him are out there.

In the fuel-economy game, gasoline-electric vehicles are in the spotlight, with Ford, General Motors and Dodge scheduled to join Honda and Toyota in offering them.

But auto analysts predict diesel-powered vehicles, which offer higher mileage than gas engines, will remain more popular and could grow as much as 500 percent over the next five years.

Industry forecaster J.D. Power and Associates projects sales of 1.5 million diesels in 2009, nearly four times the 423,000 hybrids it expects by then. Power expects hybrid sales to reach 91,000 this year and diesels to log 400,000.

Automotive Technology Research Group of Thousand Oaks, Calif., says U.S. diesel sales could triple to 1.4 million units by 2007 and reach 2 million by 2009.

Most of the diesels will be large pickups and sport-utility vehicles equipped for towing and heavy-duty commercial uses, which account for 90 percent of U.S. sales.

But analysts also see diesel engines powering more luxury models, popular SUVs, mini-vans and passenger cars. Until the Ford Escape and Lexus RX 400H SUVs come out this fall, hybrids are limited to small cars — though Toyota calls Prius midsize. The interest in diesels is rising because manufacturers have to raise their average fuel economy for trucks to 22.2 m.p.g. by 2007 from 20.7 today. And higher fuel prices are increasing consumer demand for efficiency.

Diesel engines typically yield 25 to 30 percent higher fuel economy than comparable gasoline engines in urban and highway driving. Hybrids score their biggest fuel savings in city



Mike Blake, of Rockdale, Ill., with his 2004 Volkswagen Passat diesel wagon. The large object on the rear of the vehicle is a ham radio antenna.

driving, when the electric motor does most of the work.

"Even someone who paid more \$50,000 for an SUV wants better mileage," said Ed McLaughlin, a partner in Automotive Technology Research Group. "At heart, everyone's a cheapskate."

Nearly half the passenger vehicles sold in Europe are diesels because gas prices are around \$5 per gallon and diesel is cheaper. But until recently Volkswagen was the only automaker selling diesel cars in the United States. Diesel fuel prices vary by location, and taxes on diesel fuel vary by state.

Volkswagen offers diesels on all U.S. models except the luxury Phaeton, and saw its diesel sales rise 46 percent in June, to 3,439. The company sees diesel sales growing to 32,000 this year from 23,000 last

year. Mercedes-Benz introduced the E320 CDI sedan in May, its first U.S. diesel model in five years, and expects to sell 3,000 this year. In the fall, Jeep will add the diesel-powered Liberty SUV and projects sales of 5,000 in 2005.

The diesel engine for the Liberty comes from DaimlerChrysler, the parent of Chrysler and Mercedes, both of which are expected to offer diesels in more models in the next few years.

"If diesels catch on in the U.S., we are in a better position than anyone else to respond," said Joe Eberhardt, the Chrysler Group's executive vice president of global sales, service and marketing. "We'll be able to pull the trigger faster because we're already there with diesels."

The lofty sales projections for

diesels are based on two assumptions: Automakers can meet tougher federal emissions standards by 2007 and consumers will put modern diesels on their shopping list.

"They have to get past the shake, rattle and roll of the diesels of the 1980s that belched stinky black smoke," McLaughlin said. "The manufacturers have to show that they have no operating differences than what consumers are used to."

Consumers will also have to get over such things as the stigma of having to get fuel at truck stops. And there's the cost.

With a base price of \$23,060, the Passat TDI costs \$205 more than a gasoline model. Volkswagen charges up to \$1,995 for a diesel engine and \$7,850 for a turbocharged V-10 on its Touareg SUV. Mercedes charges a \$1,000 premium for the E320 CDI.

However, McLaughlin predicts meeting the 2007 emissions rules could drive up diesel's costs by \$1,000 to \$2,000 per vehicle at a time when hybrid costs will drop as the technology is offered on more models.

McLaughlin doubts consumers will pay more than \$2,500 extra for a diesel in a passenger vehicle. "You might be able to push that to \$3,000, but I think manufacturers know that \$2,500 is about the practical limit," he said.

Automakers likely will eat some of the cost of diesels initially, as they do with hybrids.

Blake recently replaced his 2000 Volkswagen Golf diesel with a new Volkswagen Passat TDI sedan with a turbocharged diesel engine. He says it has brisk acceleration, no smoke pouring out the tailpipe and is barely louder than a gas engine.

Diesel fuel

Weekly U.S. average, dollars per gallon:



Source: U.S. Energy Department, American Automobile Association
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"You put your foot down and say, 'Holy cow! Who just kicked me in the butt,'" Blake said. "You couldn't want more power than that, and you get a bonus of better fuel economy."

Blake didn't have to wait for his diesel Passat and paid less than suggested retail.

"It was below sticker and above invoice," he said. "I basically split the profit with them."

He didn't consider a hybrid such as the Prius despite its 55 m.p.g. EPA rating because he had read reports that some fall well short of the EPA estimate. In his first couple weeks driving the midsize Passat Blake says he averaged 37-38 m.p.g., matching the EPA highway estimate.

"There's a lot of excitement about hybrids right now, but if they don't get the mileage they expected, they may not be repeat buyers," Power forecasting manager Anthony Pratt said.

A Power survey a couple of years ago said more consumers would buy diesels than hybrids. Automotive Technology Research Group says 19 percent would consider a diesel.

Mini is charming, well-built bit of fun

BY CAROL TRAEGER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

"When motoring in a Mini, it's important to occasionally take a left when you're supposed to go right. In this way you can avoid ruts. If you feel like you've taken the same path so many times before that there should be a groove worn into the street, you're in a rut. Take a left immediately."

That refreshing bit of advice comes courtesy of Mini USA's Book of Motoring, one of the many ways this automaker has marketed not just a car but a Mini mindset.

Mini ads are so quirky and fun, it's as if Mini's ad agency were channeling Ruth Gordon's character in the '70s cult classic "Harold and Maude." You can just hear Maude shouting out ideas in an ad meeting: "Break the rules! Take a chance! Live, live, live!"

Last year, Mini USA sold 36,000 Coopers and didn't buy one TV commercial. Instead it spends its ad dollars on quirky billboards, magazine inserts, outdoor displays and the Internet. The real key to Mini's success, though, lies in the Mini Cooper itself, which is as charming as the ads tout it to be.

The Mini lineup consists of the standard Cooper with a starting price of \$16,999 plus \$550 destination, and the Cooper S, with a \$19,899 starting price. Both models are powered by a 1.6-liter, in-line four-cylinder engine. In the standard Cooper, the engine produces 115 horsepower and 110 pound-feet of torque and is fitted to a five-speed manual or a continuously variable automatic transmission. In the Cooper S, the engine gets a supercharger and belts out 163 horsepower and 155 pound-feet of torque. The S engine comes mated to a Getrag six-speed manual gearbox.

From the outside, the S is distinguishable from the standard Cooper by a hood scoop, rear spoiler, dual chrome-plated tailpipes, S badges and 16-inch alloy wheels (the regular Cooper gets 15-inchers).

The Cooper cockpit is a busy place, brimming with circular and oval design cues. It is highlighted by such rally-inspired elements as a tachometer mounted on the steering column and toggle switch controls for the windows, locks and fog lamps.



Wheelbase Communications

The Cooper might be small, but it has the kind of character and substance found in cars costing twice as much. It combines British charm with German engineering and an affordable price.

The front seats offer ample legroom, even for 6-plus-footers, but the rear seats are more appropriate for stuffed animals and golf bags than humans. Trunk space is a minuscule 5.3 cubic feet, but it can be expanded by flipping the split rear seats forward. Curiously, the only way to unlatch the trunk lid is via the remote key fob; there is no interior or exterior trunk release.

For 2004, the Cooper and Cooper S receive only minor updates, including a new three-spoke steering wheel, a rear power outlet and a digital speedometer readout in the electronic display.

A large swiveling cup holder has been added to augment the dinky fixed cup holders.

On Sept. 1, Mini will unleash the highly anticipated Cooper convertible. Available in standard (\$21,500) and S (\$24,950) trim, the convertible will feature a power retractable soft top with an integrated power-sliding sunroof that can be opened and closed at speeds up to 75 mph.

To celebrate the Cooper's victory in the 1964 Rallye Monte Carlo, Mini recently introduced the Cooper S MC40. Mini will produce only 1,000 units of this model, which sports 17-inch anthracite wheels,

commemorative badges, a carbon-fiber dash and the winning car's number 37 on the door.

I spent a week scooting around in a Cooper S tester, and it was ridiculously fun.

The steering and handling are go-kart sharp, the throttle response is quick and the 16-inch tires stick like Velcro through the gnarliest of turns. Speaking of turns, the Mini's small size and 17.5-foot turning radius make it the nimblest and most parkable thing this side of a motorcycle.

Both Coopers borrow some suspension bits from the BMW 3-Series — yes, this new version of the legendary Mini is built by German automaker BMW — but the S gets reinforced anti-roll bars and firmer springs. The stiff setup, combined with the run-flat tires, makes for a butt-bruising ride.

The Cooper might be small, but it has the kind of character and substance found in cars costing twice as much. It combines British charm with German engineering and an affordable price. Fun to drive, the Cooper is custom-made for people who don't take life too seriously.

It inspires smiles on even the dreariest of days.

BY JIM MATEJA
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Jim's Driveway is capsules of Jim Mateja's auto reviews.

2004

AUDI S4 AVANT QUATTRO MT6: Base price: \$46,650; Engine: 4.2-liter, 340-h.p. V-8; Fuel economy: 15 m.p.g. city/21 m.p.g. highway. How fast do you need to get to the grocery store, dry cleaners or lumberyard? The return of a high performance version in the compact lineup with a most potent V-8 (and a \$1,700 guzzler tax) and road-hugging all-wheel-drive that provides added security in rain or snow. But you probably would prefer the sedan or convertible versions for looks if no other reason.

BMW 530i: Base price: \$44,300; Engine: 3-liter, 225-h.p., 24-valve, inline 6-cylinder; Fuel economy: 20 m.p.g. city/30 highway. The next generation sedan with a more fashionable design than its bigger 7-Series stablemate. Like the 7, it has the iDrive electronics system, but this is a dumbed-down, easier to use and less maddening version that will do everything from heating the seats to warning that the oil needs changing. Larger dimensions for increased cabin room and even better road manners.

CHEVROLET IMPALA SS: Base price: \$27,335; Engine: 3.8-liter, 240-h.p., supercharged V-6; Fuel economy: 18 m.p.g. city/28 m.p.g. highway. SS designation

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returns, though this time on a midsize, front-drive, V-6 powered sedan. With supercharger the V-6 provides smooth yet energetic launches. Performance-tuned suspension along with 17-inch speed-rated radials provide very good road grip for optimum handling. Chevy boasts it will "out-run and out-handle" a rear-drive, V-8 powered '94-'96 version. Yet excellent fuel economy rating.

CHRYSLER CROSSFIRE: Base price: \$34,695; Engine: 3.2-liter, 215-h.p., 18-valve V-6; Fuel economy: 21 m.p.g. city/27 highway. A two-seater, rear-wheel-drive sports coupe as refined as Dodge Viper is crude. Powered by the same 3.2-liter V-6 in the Mercedes SLK. Sufficient pep moving from the light while rated at 21 m.p.g. city/27 highway. Nimble in reacting to pedal input though expect a few more horses in the future, probably from Performance Vehicle Operations group. Stiff body and rigid chassis eliminate squeaks, rattles and vibration, and ensure precise handling. Sits flat in and out of corners. The 18-inch front and 19-inch rear speed-rated Michelin radial tires are designed to deliver optimum handling. All-season radials optional for Snow Belt.

MERCEDES-BENZ ML350: Base price: \$37,300; Engine: 3.7-liter, 232-h.p. V-6; Fuel economy: 15 m.p.g. city/18 m.p.g. highway. Electronic stability control, four-wheel traction control, and full

time all-wheel-drive standard. Nice touches include Tele Aid emergency satellite communication system to summon medical or mechanical help, side air-bag curtains front and rear, first-aid kit, power plugs front and rear, and second-row seat that moves forward or backward for more room. Ample power from V-6, but mileage disappointing. Factory installed navigation system a new option for '04.

NISSAN MAXIMA 3.5 SE: Base price: \$26,950; Engine: 3.5-liter, 265-h.p., 24-valve V-6; Fuel economy: 20 m.p.g. city/28 highway. Now built off the same longer, wider platform as Altima. SL and SE versions, with SL leaning toward luxury, SE toward sportiness. Larger dimensions make for roomier sedan. Also reshaped and now sports hatchback look. Skyview, a narrow sheet of glass that runs fore to aft down the center of the roof to provide an open-air feeling in the cabin, is standard. Power-open sunroof optional. Powered by the same V-6 from Altima, but tweaked to 265 h.p. Light pedal pressure brings swift, lively response. SE suspension tuned for optimum handling, but you sacrifice some ride quality. Aggressive drivers should opt for \$900 vehicle dynamic control that uses torque management and anti-lock brakes to ensure stability and control, especially in lateral moves.

AUTOMOTIVE Q&A

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Q: I've just installed a camper shell on my full-size pickup and have spent a few weekends camping. The camper shell has a fluorescent light and a lighter socket. I've also been plugging my portable cooler into it, as well as a small boom box.

My buddy tells me I'm taking a big chance of not being able to start the truck's engine after running these things off its single large battery.

Should I replace the alternator, add a second battery or just carry along my portable jumper pack?

—Jeremy Loggins, Seattle
A. Your buddy brings up a good

point. Your truck's battery — assuming it's in good shape — should be able to provide roughly 30 amp-hours of energy (a little less than half its capacity) for camper use before the risk of a no-start looms.

This means you could operate a one-amp light for 30 hours or a three-amp thermoelectric cooler for 10 hours. You'll need to operate the truck's engine for at least a half hour per day, providing replacement energy via the alternator, to ensure successful engine start-ups.

The downside to such electron mischief is twofold. Multiple-component use could leave you

stranded and your truck's battery may not appreciate the deep draw-downs, shortening its life.

The best alternative is to install a large deep-cycle (RV) battery and isolator. During engine-off camper use, the deep-cycle battery can provide about two days of energy, with the isolator protecting your engine battery from accidental discharge.

Unless your existing alternator is a small one — less than 70 amps — or you plan on camping extensively, it should do fine. Carrying your jumper pack might still be a good idea — to boost a fellow camper or power the boom box at the picnic table.

H2 SUT wraps utility in cute but big package

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Hummer owners are a unique breed — envied by some, scorned by others.

People look up to them for their wealth or down at them for consuming a greater portion of the earth's petroleum supplies than deemed equitable.

Whether friend or foe, give Hummer owners credit. They can't slip in or out without being noticed even if they wanted to in a vehicle as wide as it is tall, a machine that at first glance more closely resembles a caricature of a sport-utility vehicle.

And now there's a new addition to the lineup to attract even more followers into the camp that finds comfort in purchasing the biggest vehicle money can buy without 18 wheels — a Hummer H2 pickup truck. (There is an H1 with a box in back but no tailgate, so it has to be loaded from the top.)

Yup, first there was the Hummer H1, so big it should have been required to have life rafts as standard. Then came the Hummer H2, a somewhat smaller version of the H1 craft, a civilian version of the vehicle popularized by the military. General Motors created the H2 once it bought into the Hummer family.

Now comes the Hummer H2 SUT, basically an H2 with a pickup bed rather than a sport-ute cargo hold.

Maybe not cuddly, but cute. Not a vehicle for everyone, but neither is a Hyundai Accent.

The H2 SUT is for those who need to hold five folks in the cabin and prefer holding the stuff those five folks need outside the cabin.

But, if you need to hold only two adults yet lots of lumber, shrubs, bricks, ladders or anything else that won't fit in a bed that's only 35 inches long, the H2 SUT will still handle the challenge.

The bed is 47 inches wide, 35 inches deep and 20 inches high, large enough for luggage, duffel bags or, if a professional athlete, gold chains, earrings and related bling-bling.

Like the Chevrolet Avalanche pickup, the H2 SUT comes with a midgate, or wall that separates the cabin from the bed. Flip and fold the rear seats forward, press a dash button to power the rear window into the midgate, press the buttons to lower the metal midgate and extend the bed 3 feet by borrowing from the passenger cabin. Lower the midgate and tailgate, and you can haul items 8 feet long.

You can leave the bed exposed, or opt for the \$950 locking tonneau cover that secures items inside. The cover is strong enough to support 250 pounds should



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The 2005 Humer H2 SUT holds five and stands 81 inches high and 81 inches wide.

you decide to stand on it or spread out a blanket on it to soak up some rays while adventuring into the great outdoors.

We tested the '05 H2 SUT but didn't stand on the cover because even with the tailgate down, you'd need a ladder to get onto the top.

What's surprising about the SUT is that it delivers such a smooth, pleasant, hassle-free ride. Road blemishes go virtually unnoticed. Can't say that about too many SUVs, much less too many pickups.

Handling, well, handling is about what you'd expect in a vehicle that stands about 81 inches high and 81 inches wide. You sit high and see down the road without anything getting in your way. Thanks to the 81-inch width you sit in comfort with more than ample wiggle room.

Of course, when 81 inches high and 81 inches wide, there are a few nuisances you don't have to put up with in a roughly 55-inch-high and 75-inch-wide family sedan.

Corners are best taken at reduced speed. Yes it's wide, but it's also more than a tad heavy and you always feel more in control in keeping the bulk moving forward rather than at any lateral angle.

Also, you feel like you've filled the lane on the road and don't dare wander an inch or two either way.

And when you pull into the mall lot, you park in the hinterland because you don't always fit easily between the other visitors.

Consumers complain about trying to see what's coming when backing out of the lot when nestled between two big SUVs.

Hummer owners have their gripes,

too. While they easily can see what's coming, the problem is having to squeeze into or out of that spot when other vehicles are alongside, and squeezing out of their Hummer when a vehicle is parked alongside — not to mention squeezing back in again.

Thankfully the test vehicle came with optional \$425 tubular side steps. Getting into or out of the SUT without them would have been a chore because it stands so high to allow for off-road clearance.

The 6-liter, 325-horsepower V-8 does a more than admirable job in getting the size and weight in motion — and doing so quietly.

However, while tree-huggers may detest you, filling-station owners roll out the red carpet. The tank holds 32 gallons of gas that gives you about 310 miles of driving range. The government doesn't require a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or more to list its city and highway mileage figures. But without doing the math, it's safe to say the SUT doesn't obtain 20 m.p.g.

If it's mileage you want in a Hummer, you'll have to wait for the H3 sport-ute that joins the lineup in the middle of next year. It will deliver roughly 14 to 16 m.p.g. city and 19 to 20 m.p.g. highway.

The H3, expected to start at about \$35,000, is derived from the midsize Chevy Colorado pickup platform and will be powered by the same 5-cylinder engine. Of note, the H3 was unveiled as a Hummer H3 SUT concept a year ago.

The Hummer H2 SUT starts at \$51,995, though it finishes a lot higher after the typical owner does a little personalizing.

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George Boedecker bought his Subaru Outback in Grapevine, Texas.

Crossovers appeal to car buyers

BY TERRY BOX

The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

DALLAS — Dads once drove station wagons, those typically American family-toting barges that were often slathered in fake wood.

George Boedecker owned one in the '80s and had no interest in another. But about two months ago, Boedecker noticed a new Subaru Outback — one of a growing number of stylish crossover or sport-wagon vehicles that offer all-wheel drive, a fair amount of cargo capacity and room for five adults ... and look a little like station wagons.

"It didn't matter," he said. "I traded my Honda Accord on one."

George Boedecker traded his Honda Accord for a Subaru Outback.

He had plenty of company in the second quarter. While Americans still like the capabilities of a big SUV, many are turning to smaller alternatives such as the Outback, Honda Pilot, Volvo XC90 and others — a trend that is getting a push from high gas prices.

Many crossovers are at least 1,000 pounds lighter than big SUVs. Some are also considerably less expensive.

"I think what is really happening is the SUV has evolved into something more useful," said Todd Lassa, Detroit editor for Motor Trend. "Now, you have vehicles that are more manageable in size, rakish-looking and have better ride and performance. I think we'll see more."

Crossover sales increased 13.5 percent in a sluggish second quarter for the auto industry, and they shot up nearly 35 percent last year, according to U.S. sales data. Meanwhile, sales of SUVs such as the Chevrolet Tahoe, Toyota Sequoia and Ford

Explorer dropped 6.8 percent in the second quarter and were down 3.7 percent last year.

"People are mainly looking for flexible space on the inside," said Paul Taylor, who has been tracking the growth of crossovers for the last couple of years as chief economist at the National Automobile Dealers Association. "I don't expect trucks to really drop. But the way production is moving, the growth will be in vehicles like crossovers."

Crossovers got a boost in June with the arrival of the striking Dodge Magnum and the graceful Subaru Legacy wagon. And more are arriving soon.

The Freestyle, one of Ford Motor Co.'s most important new vehicles and its second crossover, should be rolling into dealerships this fall. Mercedes-Benz is building a sport wagon, and Pontiac is considering one.

Over the last 30 years, the family vehicle has moved from the station wagons of the '60s to the conversion vans of the '70s, the minivans of the '80s, the SUVs of the '90s and perhaps now to crossovers and sport wagons.

"My sense is what you have here is a natural incremental evolution of people saying they don't really need a truck-based SUV," said Jose Rosa, professor of marketing at Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management in Cleveland. "We've been moving in that direction for years. The Volvo XC90 is just a station wagon in high heels."

Station wagons faded in the United States but didn't go away, and they remain reasonably popular in Europe. High-end makers such as BMW and Mercedes-Benz continue to sell small numbers of them in the United States. And Volvo and

Volkswagen — among others — continue to build traditional station wagons.

Some aren't troubled by the comparison of crossovers with station wagons.

"We've never shied away from the term station wagon," said John Righini, marketing strategy manager for Subaru of America Inc. "The fact is, the majority of the vehicles we sell are wagons."

But others think crossovers shouldn't be confused with the unfashionable family car of yesterday.

"We really don't want to call these vehicles station wagons because that's a label that exists in history and people think of grandpa with the glasses down on his nose driving a big old station wagon with plastic wood on the sides," said Rosa, who worked for General Motors Corp. for 15 years and has written about the minivan and SUV.

One of the first mainstream crossovers was the successful Lexus RX 300, introduced in 1998. The segment's ranks now include vehicles as varied as the compact Ford Escape, mid-size Chrysler Pacifica and upper-end Infiniti FX and Cadillac SRX.

Subaru's Outback is viewed as one of the original crossovers, and the Legacy — which sits lower and has a more high-performance image — is considered a strong newcomer.

Subaru is well-positioned to take advantage of the consumer trend, Righini said.

"I think this is absolutely a long-term shift," Righini said. "And we think we're right on cue for where consumer trends are going."

The Outback and Legacy — which are built on the same platform — are expected to help push overall Subaru unit sales past 200,000 this year, a 9

percent increase.

Some dealerships are already seeing the trend. David Thomas, managing partner of a Subaru dealership, said his dealership has taken 13 trucks in trade for Subaru vehicles over the last few weeks — comprising about one-fourth of recent trades.

"Manufacturers got consumers in tune with the need for cargo space," Thomas said. "But they're not willing to pay 14 miles per gallon to get it. With these (crossovers and sport wagons), you've got the best of all worlds, and you don't look like your grandmother driving around in one."

Like SUVs, crossovers offer cargo space, but they don't trade handling and ride to get it.

Crossover bodies and frames are built as a single unit, often using car-based suspension pieces.

Most of the big SUVs today — such as the Chevy Suburban, Ford Expedition and Nissan Armada — are attached to thick frames. The design gives SUVs great strength and towing capacity, but it makes them heavy.

Though crossovers can't tow as much as SUVs, they drive more like cars — and that's what sold Boedecker on the Outback.

"It handles much better than my Honda and drives much better than a big SUV," said Boedecker, 66, a retired IBM sales representative.

Even if crossover sales continue to increase, sales of full-size SUVs won't dramatically decrease, said Jeff Brodoski, an analyst for J.D. Power and Associates.

"The crossovers are more of a direct threat to high-end sedans," Brodoski said. "But the overall theme in this is we are seeing a recirculation of old trends. They're just repackaged."

In the compact arena, Spectra leaps past Aveo

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The Chevy Aveo and Kia Spectra are both new choices for buyers looking for small, affordable cars.

With starting prices in the \$10,000 to \$12,000 range, that should be obvious.

What's not as obvious is that both the Aveo and the Spectra are built in South Korea. The Aveo in Bupyeong, and the Spectra in Hwasung.

Kia, controlled by another South Korean automaker, Hyundai, since 1998, now offers a U.S. lineup with four cars (Rio, Spectra, Optima and Amanti) as well as the Sedona minivan and the Sorento sport utility.

Above the entry-level Rio, the Spectra is Kia's compact model. It competes for buyers with the Ford Focus, Suzuki Forenza, Hyundai Elantra, Honda Civic and others. It's been redone for 2004, and now it has a longer wheelbase, wider track and a stronger engine. Done in LX and EX trim levels, its price ranges from \$12,760 to \$15,265.

The Aveo is the first product of General Motors' deal to pick the best parts of Korea's bankrupt Daewoo. Our test car, a five-door hatch painted summer yellow, was a strange duck indeed.

With a starting price just below \$10,000, it's a compact that competes at the low end of the market vs. Kia's Rio, Saturn's Ion, Toyota's Echo and Hyundai's Accent.

What these two cars reveal is that the state of the art of South Korean automaking greatly varies among automakers.

Frankly, the Kia Spectra surprised me. It was better than expected.

Remember, the previous version of this car was based on the Sephia, the first car that Kia sold

in America. That car, Consumer Reports said, had "an awful ride; a noisy cabin; a crude, unrefined powertrain; uncomfortable seats; and clumsy handling."

This new Spectra, based on the Hyundai Elantra, had a solid feel. The interior was roomy and comfortable. The trunk, at 12.2 cubic feet, was surprisingly large.

Its new 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine makes 138 horsepower and 135 pound-feet of torque — improvements of 14 and 16 over the previous-generation Spectra.

Coupled with a four-speed automatic transmission, the powertrain was more than adequate for around-town errands and entering freeways.

On the safety side, Kia says the new Spectra is the lowest priced vehicle to offer side-curtain air bags. In fact, all versions of the 2004 Spectra come equipped with six air bags. Four-wheel disc brakes are standard, too, which is nice in this segment. Anti-lock brakes are optional on EX models, and aren't even offered on LX versions.

Style-wise, the new Spectra isn't very distinctive. But a boring exterior and pleasantly plain interior gets a higher rating in my book than what's found in the Chevy Aveo.

Small and unappealing, the Chevy Aveo we tested had a cheapness about it that reminded me of the first new car I ever bought, a 1980 Chevy Chevette. But its yellow paint job reminded me of another forgettable car from a few years later, the Ford Festiva. (Coincidentally, the Festiva was built for Ford by Kia.)

From its dinky rear spoiler (a \$225 option) to its tiny 14-inch wheels (the Spectra wears 15-inchers), the Aveo doesn't generate much curb appeal.

U.S. automakers see sales rise a bit in July

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DETROIT — Asian automakers had a boffo July, with record sales for nearly every brand they make. Not that the traditional American car companies had a particularly bad month.

Although sales slipped at Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. moved a few more cars and trucks than it did last July, and the Chrysler Group provided most of the lift to DaimlerChrysler AG's improved sales.

But they just couldn't keep up with Japanese automakers like Nissan Motor Co. and Toyota Motor Corp. and Korea's Hyundai Motor Co., which all saw sales soar by more than 10 percent to new highs.

The Asian sweep was all over the map. They scored with new models, like the Nissan Titan pickup and the sporty tC coupe from Toyota's Scion youth brand. Hyundai, which hasn't had a new model in two years, continues to score with its Santa Fe SUV and Sonata sedan as its reputation improves. Honda Motor Co. even set a record with its Odyssey mini-

van, a model that is only months away from being replaced.

By failing to boost their sales as fast as Asian rivals, the Detroit automakers struggled to keep their share of the U.S. car and truck market.

Despite its small sales gain, GM's share fell from 30.1 percent last July to 29.2 percent this year. Ford's share dropped from 19.6 percent to 18.3 percent. Only Chrysler — the maker of Jeep, Dodge and Chrysler brand cars and trucks — managed to tick up 0.4 percentage points to 12.2 percent.

The American automakers are finding that record-high discounts, such as low-interest loans and gaudy rebates, aren't driving sales like they used to. Almost three years after no-interest loans were introduced to jump-start auto sales after Sept. 11, consumers have come to take the big come-ons of \$4,000 or \$5,000 for granted.

"They almost look at zero percent like standard equipment," said George Pipas, Ford Motor Co.'s sales analysis manager. "It's like windshield wipers."

Chrysler keeps summer going with its new open-top Crossfire Roadster

BY ANN M. JOB

Associated Press

America's convertible brand knows how to make the most of summer.

With three open-top models, Chrysler offers more convertibles than any other domestic auto brand.

No matter that the most recently introduced Chrysler soft top — the 2005 Crossfire Roadster — is built in Germany with the help of Chrysler's German parent company, DaimlerChrysler.

The two-passenger Crossfire Roadster, with its boat tail rear end and ready-to-pounce stance, is one of the most eye-catching convertibles on the market.

"At this time of year, it's easiest to see America's love affair with convertibles and their enjoyment of the open-top driving experience," said George Murphy, senior vice president for marketing for DaimlerChrysler's Chrysler Group.

Indeed, today, convertible sales top 300,000 a year, some 22 years since Chrysler brought back convertibles to U.S. consumers. Sales of the vehicles had waned because of safety and fuel concerns.

Now, Chrysler's Sebring convertible remains a top seller for Americans, and in early calendar 2004, the company added a convertible version of its PT Cruiser.

The Crossfire Roadster, which has a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$34,960, followed a few months later.

Based on the Crossfire coupe that starts at \$29,920, the Crossfire Roadster competes with other six-cylinder-powered, two-seat convertibles such as the 2004 Nissan Z Roadster, which starts at \$34,610 and the 2004 BMW Z4, which starts at \$34,295.

The Crossfire coupe and convertible both use a platform that has been the underpinning for the 2004 Mercedes-Benz SLK two-seater. In the 2005 model year, Mercedes is introducing a new-generation SLK, but the Crossfire will continue to use the previous SLK generation platform.

Top-down time in the Crossfire Roadster is 22 seconds, but the three-layer fabric top isn't fully automatic.

The driver must first twist a handle at the top of the windshield to release the roof and push it up several inches above the windshield.

Then, touching a button, the driver can watch the top go back and fold up. When all is done, the roof is tucked and hidden under a hard tonneau cover.

To raise the fabric top on the Crossfire, the driver uses the button



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to activate the top again and then must pull down on the handle to position the roof at the leading edge of the windshield.

The driver also must twist the handle to lock the top in place.

Unfortunately, this didn't always work easily in the test Crossfire.

One time, it took me four tries to finally pull the top down onto the windshield. The leading edge of the roof stopped stiffly, several inches above the windshield and resisted efforts to pull it down.

Only after repeated tries did my passenger and I get it down and locked into place.

The Crossfire Roadster's rear

window is made of glass, thank goodness, so there's no worry about ripped or discolored plastic.

The Crossfire roof has a layer of rubber between two layers of fabric. But the roof is not fully lined as it is in BMW's Z4. In the Crossfire, there was an exposed aluminum bar directly over my head, helping the top retain its shape.

Note the top in the Z4 is fully automatic, too.

There are two engines for the Crossfire convertible.

The base car as well as Limited model that was the test car use the 215-horsepower, 3.2-liter, single-overhead cam V6 producing a maximum

229 foot-pounds of torque at 3,000 rpm.

Mated to a six-speed manual transmission in the leather-trimmed Limited tester, this engine moved the 3,140-pound car capably and with spirit, though not quite with the same sort of lightweight, sprightly feel that a driver might get from the Z4 that weighs 2,998 pounds.

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Working the gears, my head could snap back into the head restraint if I didn't watch and plan for smooth shifts. A five-speed automatic also is available.

As you might expect, the Crossfire isn't designed to be especially fuel thrifty. Indeed, its top speed is a sporty 150 miles an hour, and it's rated at 17 miles a gallon in city driving and 25 mpg on the highway. Premium gasoline is a listed requirement.

Chrysler officials point out the torque is better than the top-level Z4 engine's 214 foot-pounds at 3,500 rpm.

But the Z4 with 3-liter six-cylinder engine has more horsepower — 225 — and so does Nissan's Z Roadster

Crossfire Roadster

BASE PRICE: \$34,095 for base roadster; \$38,045 for Limited.

AS TESTED: \$38,920.

ENGINE: Front-engine, rear-wheel-drive, two-passenger convertible.

ENGINE: 3.2-liter, single overhead cam, 90-degree V6.

MILEAGE: 17 mpg (city), 25 mpg (highway).

TOP SPEED: 150 mph.

LENGTH: 159.8 inches.

WHEELBASE: 94.5 inches.

CURB WT.: 3,140 pounds.

BUILT AT: Germany.

OPTIONS: None.

DESTINATION CHARGE: \$875.

with 287 horses and 274 foot-pounds of torque at 4,800 rpm.

But there's also a top-of-the-line Crossfire Roadster — the SRT-6. It comes with a 330-horsepower, supercharged version of the base engine and provides 310 foot-pounds of torque at 3,500 rpm.



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